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R.A.F. REPRISAL RAID ON IMPORTANT GERMAN BASE

DRAMATIC BROADCAST FROM PARTICIPANTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AS THIS EDITION OF THE "TELEGRAPH" WENT TO PRESS AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF R.A.F. BOMBERS WERE ENGAGED ON A BOMBING RAID ON NAZI AIR BASES ON THIS ISLAND OF SYLT.

THE RAID, IN WHICH AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF PLANES ARE TAKING PART, IS STILL IN PROGRESS.

The only details received by the Air Ministry in London are conveyed in brief radio messages from the planes engaged in the raid, says "United Press".

The R.A.F. attack started while the House of Commons was in session last night.

Members were electrified when the Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, rose to make an announcement.

He told the House that brief radio messages had been received from one of the leading machines, giving details of the raid.

SEVERELY DAMAGED

As the British machines finished their story to London, bombs were dropping on Hornum, the Nazi air base on the Island of Sylt.

One message relayed the information that the Nazi base had been severely damaged.

Full details of the raid are still awaited from the British machines.

This is the first time in the history of aerial warfare that the story of a battle has been released for publication while the battle has been in progress.

Only the science of modern radio communication has made it possible.

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry made the following announcement early this morning:

"The Air Force attacked and severely damaged the German air base at Hornum on the island of Sylt to-night.

"This is one of the shore bases from which enemy aircraft operate against British naval forces and merchant shipping.

"This action follows the attack upon our own shore bases in the Orkneys."

The attack on Hornum was quickly announced in the House of Commons by the Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood.

The Minister said the report was based on a wireless message received from one of the leading machines.

He understood that the attack was still continuing.

Claim Raider Downed

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The Germans claim that one British bomber was brought down in the Sylt raid, an official Nazi news agency says. A house was set on fire, otherwise no damage was done, the agency adds. The bombers flew over in three waves, the first at 7.57 p.m., the second at 8.58 p.m. and the third at 9.16 p.m.



Eden May Become Minister For Air

Cabinet Re-shuffle Indicated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, March 18 (Domei).—A reshuffle of the Chamberlain Cabinet with a view to reinvigorating Britain's war policy is near at hand, according to the London Bureau of the "Associated Press."

The report says that political circles in London believe that a reorganization of the British Cabinet is inevitable.

The "Associated Press" further asserts that Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, Mr. Leslie Burgin, the Minister of Supply, and Lord Hankey, the Minister without Portfolio, will probably retire and will be replaced by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Dominions Secretary, Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Labour Party, and Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberal Party respectively.

It is understood that the forthcoming reshuffle will bring about a National Cabinet to cope with the war.

Some circles suggest that Mr. Lloyd George, the Prime Minister during the last War, will also be enlisted.

Premier Gives No Hint

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—For many weeks past an idea has been

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LATEST

FINNISH CABINET TO RESIGN

Moscow Pressure To Be Ignored

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, March 19 (UP).—Premier Ryti's Cabinet will resign to-morrow as a matter of form after the peace ratifications have been exchanged with Russia.

The measure is being openly discussed in the press and it is not expected that the new Cabinet will eliminate the policies followed by M. Tanner as Foreign Minister, and that pressure from Moscow will be ignored.

Delegation In Moscow

MOSCOW, Marrh 19 (UP).—The Finnish delegation headed by M. Paasikivi arrived here at 5.12 p.m. to-day.

NO PEACE BASIS

Despondency Follows Welles' Visit

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP). — Mr. Stephen Early, Secretary to the White House, to-day said official advices from Europe make the peace headlines seem empty.

"On the basis of all authoritative reports received and carefully read and analysed by President Roosevelt, there seems no basis in fact for the reports published, neither do they give an authoritative basis for peace."

Welles' Work Finished

ROME, March 19 (UP).—Mr. Sumner Welles, following a luncheon with Count Ciano to-day, announced the official conclusion of his talks with European statesmen and leaders.

He leaves Rome for Genoa at 11 o'clock to-night and will arrive at 6.30 a.m. to-morrow when he boards the Conte di Savoia which sails for New York at noon.

Meanwhile, Signor Virginio Gayda, writing in the Giornale d'Italia to-day says: "The Brenner Pass talks have two well-defined aims: firstly, the construction of a better Europe based on the equality of rights; secondly, the protection of Italian interests in this new Europe alongside the safeguarding of German interests.

"It is absurd and grotesque for the democracies to continue to attribute to Mussolini the role of European peacemaker."

Peace Plan Discounted

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The reports of the German 11-point peace plan are discounted by Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's private secretary, who told reporters that no information had been transmitted to the United States Government to support the published reports of such a plan.

On the basis of authoritative reports received by the United States Government, the "peace headlines would appear to be very empty," he said.

Mr. Early added that President Roosevelt had carefully read and analysed all reports received.

Purely Propaganda

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Commenting on the well-publicised 11 point peace plan, a diplomatic observer here says that whether true or false they do represent the kind of peace which could be expected from the Nazis.

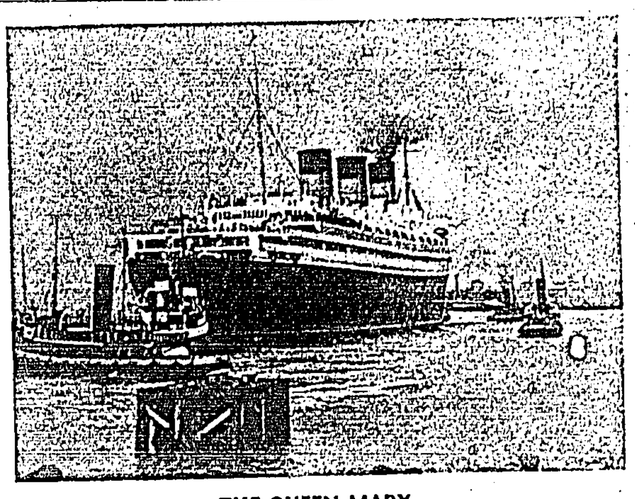
For propaganda purposes there is a reference to disarmament and liberty of trade.

There is a sop for Italy in the clauses about Djibouti and the Suez Canal and a sop for Britain in the clause saying that 20 years should be allowed for the solution of the colonial problem.

Beyond that, however, Germany would get everything she wants in Europe and there would be no way to right the wrongs she has inflicted on her neighbours.

Whatever the facts behind this widely reported 11 point peace plan, the plan may well be a sample of the sort of plan the Nazis would put forward—a mixture of generalisation

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THE QUEEN MARY

BRITAIN'S BUDGET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 19 (UP).—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon announced in the House of Commons today that he will present the Budget on April 23.

Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, announced that the Anglo-Spanish Loan and Payments agreement was signed in Madrid on Monday.

2 GIANT LINERS FOR AUSTRALIA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 19 (UP).—Reports that the 81,200-ton Cunard-White Star liner Queen Mary and the 34,000-ton Mauretania are leaving New York for an Australian port now appear to be confirmed.

The greatest secrecy is being observed regarding the ultimate destination of the two great British liners, and reports that they are to be used for the transport of troops from the Antipodes to the war zone cannot be officially confirmed.

Some circles believe that the two ships are en route to Australia to remain there for the duration of the war.

It is pointed out in this connection that the New York harbour dues of the Queen Mary alone is US$5,000 a week.

There are only three deep-water harbours in Australia capable of accommodating the Queen Mary. These are Albany in Western Australia, Port Darwin in North Australia and Sydney.

Naval Protection

Reliable sources state that the two ships will sail in convoy, protected by units of the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal Navy, on Thursday.

They are both painted battleship gay, and appear drab in comparison with their pre-war colours.

Over seven hundred sailors have arrived from England by the Cunard White Star liner Antonia and have been transferred to the Queen Mary and Mauretania, which have had only skeleton crews since they have been tied up.

This morning, for the first time in six months, smoke is pouring from the funnels of the two ships, indicating that their departure is imminent.

New York police guards have been warned to flash headquarters if any planes approach the two vessels at an altitude of less than 1,000 feet.

House Of Commons Debates The War

PREMIER DEFENDS HIS POLICY

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Continuing his speech in the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain next referred to President Roosevelt's definition of moral peace.

"It is to obtain such a peace that we have taken up arms," added Mr. Chamberlain.

"We intend to fight until it has been secured."

The Prime Minister then dealt with the Scapa Flow raid which he described as "an unimportant affair."

Raid A Failure

"If indeed it was a raid upon the fleet in Scapa Flow," he continued, "it must be classed as a failure. Not more than 20 bombs were dropped.

"But perhaps undue attention has been given to what happened because of what is described as 'an unimpeachable communique' from the German High Command." (Laughter).

"We remember their previous 'unimpeachable communiques'. Only one warship was damaged and that damage was minor.

"We must always expect attacks on our fleet bases on our northern and eastern shores but we are confident of our ability to meet them.

"This was the first attack made upon the land. 121 high explosive bombs and 500 incendiary bombs were dropped over an area of a hundred square miles of mainland. There were several civilian casualties including one dead.

"The excuse given by the German High Command is that they were bombing military objectives but whatever their intention may have been the House will note the facts and know that the responsibility for the consequences must rest upon the authors." (Cheers).

"In this grim struggle minor incidents of this kind are of little importance.

Answers Criticism

"There are some who would want a more vigorous policy, who say that by some unexplained imaginative stroke of daring we ought to wrest to ourselves the initiative.

"With the responsibility which rests upon the shoulders of the Government we cannot be hustled into adventures which appear to us to present little chance of success and much chance of danger and perhaps disaster.

"The time and place for us to strike

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OBITUARY

DEATH OF MR. LI CHOR CHI

His many friends in the Colony will be shocked to learn of the passing of Mr. Li Chor-chi, Accountant of the Oversea Chinese Banking Corporation and Secretary of the Ho Hong Co., Ltd.

Mr. Li passed away at 7.15 this morning at the Queen Mary Hospital, where he had been confined since last Friday, suffering from acute gastric trouble.

Born in Sydney 52 years ago, Mr. Li came to Hongkong when still a young man. He spent several years in Saigon where he studied singing and languages. A tenor of no mean ability he could sing in Italian, Spanish and French, and was a fluent French scholar. He used to broadcast over ZBW and had organised many concerts on behalf of various charities.

The late Mr. Li came from a well-known family. He is survived by two brothers and two sisters—Mr. William Yinson Lee, manager of the Chinese Branch of the Sun Life Assurance Co. and well-known charitable worker, Mr. James Zeemin Lee, who recently paid a visit to Hongkong from Hollywood, where he had appeared in a number of films, Mrs. Rose Chow, vice-President of the Chinese Women's Club and daughter-in-law of the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, and Mrs. Alice Chow,

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Tripled Aircraft Production

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—America's production of aeroplane parts and engines has tripled during the past year, President Roosevelt told a Press conference during a discussion on the controversy over the release of planes of recent design to foreign powers.

President Roosevelt said that there was no question of giving away military secrets as the designs of the planes were not secret, but "only devices on them."

Calm Day On The Western Front

PARIS, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—To-day's communique says that there was a calm day on the whole front.

West of the Saar, a German reconnaissance party fell into one of our ambushes and suffered fairly serious losses.

Optimistic Hitler

Sees Success In New Peace Offensive

BERLIN, Mar. 19 (UP).—Hitler and his Foreign Minister arrived here at 11.25 a.m. to-day.

The Fuehrer was in excellent spirits and proceeded immediately to the Chancellory where he conferred with Goering and his military leaders.

Triangular Talks Soon

Informed quarters here understand that ranking Soviet officials, at present in Berlin, will soon begin triangular talks. The German Ambassadors Schulenberg and Von Papen are returning from the Balkans and Turkey to report before Easter.

Informed sources said that Moscow is shortly to be co-ordinated in the German-Italian programme to neutralise Anglo-French influence in the southeast. It is also understood that Hitler told Mussolini that Italy's political collaboration will be sufficient to force peace on the basis of the German-Italian terms.

Irrevocable Decisions

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Wilhelmstrasse spokesmen told neutral correspondents that people abroad still did not seem to understand that the German Government had taken two decisions:

(1) To continue the war until complete victory is achieved;

(2) After victory to secure Germany's vital interests once and for all, and end the eternal menace of the plutocratic democracies.

In the meantime the Wilhelmstrasse is openly discussing the desirability of a better understanding between Russia and Italy.

"Reuter" understands that a visit by Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, to Moscow is still possible.

Nothing More To Say

BERLIN, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—An inspired statement denying peace plan rumours declares that Germany has nothing to say on the question of

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Wang Ching-wei Announces New Coup

JAPANESE AGREE TO WITHDRAW TROOPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NANKING, Mar. 19 (UP).—The Propaganda Minister, Lin Pai-sheng, on behalf of Wang Ching-wei, said to-day that it was agreed to return to China the military control the Japanese forces exercise in the occupied areas. Wang Ching-wei declares that this will assure an army establishment of the new Chinese Government.

The Central Political Conference opens on Wednesday, the meeting lasting three or four days, for the purpose of preparing for the "return of the National Government to Nanking" which will be possibly proclaimed next week, although the date is not fixed. Twenty-two out of 30 delegates are former officials of the National Government which evacuated to Nanking in 1937.

Busy Conference

The conference will pass a resolution empowering Wang Ching-wei to determine a policy for readjustment of Sino-Japanese relations, draw up an outline for establishment of the new Government, and also decide the date of establishment and structure as well as abolition of the Peiping and Nanking regimes, determine the political programme of the new regime, establish a policy vis-a-vis Chungking and the question of its liquidation, and also decide the convocation of the National Assembly and the question of enforcing a constitutional government.

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The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.

The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

Around The Courses

(By "Birdie")

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(I wonder if this is a bit of Einstein's theory of relativity: it is all relative).

Included in there complicated movements is the *transference of weight* from one foot to the other. Then there is the advice to hit against a braced left leg. What do these things imply? The first is the bringing of the body into the shot, and the second is the checking of that force so as not to take one completely off one's feet.

Mind you, the wrists must have that certain strengh in order to hold the club firm at the speed with which it is hitting the ball, but they have no great rebound to counteract—the momentum of the club-head does the very greater proportion of the work in sending that ball on its journey—the wrists see to it that the club-head is travelling along the right path.

* * *

IN the iron shots, I grant, that the wrists do have a greater burden to carry. The arc of swing is not so full, and a greater "punch" has to be put into the shot with the arms and wrists. This is because the club is shorter and the swing is shorter. The speed of the club-head has to be generated over a much shorter distance. But the body work is still there—the transference of weight is still the same—and I wonder if it could ever be computed in terms of energy how much work is done by the arms (especially the forearms)?

Ernest Jones in his book "Swinging Into Golf" points out that he can sit on a chair and hit a ball some 200 yards down the fairway. Jimmy Thomson, one of the longest hitters in golf to-day, almost pivots himself off his feet—and his wrists don't do that—while Alex Morrison has shown in a diagram that the muscles which do the greatest work in a golf shot are those of the *back and thighs*.

So it seems that elsewhere, too, there are different means of attaining the same end with a golf ball—so why bother too much about how you get there as long as do?

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THE annual golf match between Kowloon and Happy Valley will be played at Kowloon on Friday, and I notice that the first game of the singles is between those redoubtable golfers from the Royal Naval Dockyard—A. E. Davies (Kowloon) and J. T. Smith (Happy Valley).

Smith is the Colony champion who has done such great things at the Royal Hongkong G.C., Fanling, while Davies is his counter-part who has cornered the market of trophies at Kowloon during the past year. The odds are on Smith winning this match, but it would be worth following.

OPTIMISTIC HITLER

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peace after the rejection of the Fuehrer's offer on October 6, 1939, an offer made only once.

Welles As Pawn

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Official quarters here persist in affirming that Mr. Sumner Welles had no hand in the Brenner Conference.

It is suggested here that Hitler is seeking to use Mr. Sumner Welles' presence for his own purposes.

The press here are of the opinion that Hitler is probably toying with the idea of bringing about improved Russo-Italian relations and that Mussolini will consider the stabilisation of the Balkans worth the price of shaking hands with Moscow.

According to the "Baltimore Sun", President Roosevelt is considering the resumption of full diplomatic relations with Germany and his choice for United States Ambassador for Berlin will probably be Mr. Clarence Piecatt, leading figure in Quaker relief work and peace activities.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the
Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinarly Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:—

"That the Capital of the "Company be increased from its "present Capital of $6,000,000 "Hong Kong currency divided "into 600,000 shares of $10 each "to $18,000,000 Hong Kong cur-"rency divided into 1,800,000 "shares of $10 each and that "such additional shares shall "rank in all respects pari passu "with the original Capital of the "Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:—

"1. That the Directors be "and they are hereby authorised "to capitalise the sum of $3,000,-"000 Hong Kong currency part of "the undivided profits of the "Company standing to the credit "of the Company's Reserve Fund "and to allot to the Members "holding shares of the Company "as on the 1st day of July, 1940, "in respect of the net amount "capitalised fully paid shares of "the Company of equivalent "nominal value in the propor-"tion of one share for every two "shares of the Company then "held by such persons respec-"tively and that such shares so "allotted shall rank for divi-"dends as from the 1st day of "July, 1940.

"2. That if, on such distri-"bution as aforesaid, any person "would be entitled to a frac-"tional share the Directors shall, "in lieu of issuing Fractional "Certificates, cause the whole "share to be allotted to a person "or persons to be named by the "Directors and such share shall, "at such time as the Directors "think fit, be sold and the pro-"ceeds distributed amongst the "persons entitled to the frac-"tions making up such share."

By order of the
Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO. LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1940, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1940, to TUESDAY, the 2nd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1940.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 29TH MARCH, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1939.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21ST MARCH, 1940, to FRIDAY, the 29TH MARCH, 1940, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1940.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Inland Lot No. 5748	Opposite Inland Lot No. 2356. Tsoi Tak Street, Wong Nei Chung.	as per sale plan.				About 3,470	$ 3	$ 1,410

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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			feet	feet	feet	feet			
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4257.	Near Kowloon Inland Lot No. 336, Nathan Road, Kowloon.	as per sale plan.				About 2,860	$ 52	$ 2,700

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2774.	Junction of Shun Ning Road & Kiu Kiang Street, Shamshuipo.	As per sale plan.				About 5,230	$ 72	$ 5,230

MINISTER WARNS AMERICA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TORONTO, Mar. 19 (UP).—Mr. James R. Cromwell, United States Minister to Canada, to-day criticised United States advocates of isolation and warned that Germany "frankly and openly seeks to destroy" the institutions of social and economic order on which the United States Government is founded.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 22nd., 23rd and 25th March, 1940. (Easter Holidays).

Hongkong, 18th March, 1940.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
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Hongkong, 14th March, 1940.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1890.

It appears, says an American paper, that there are only about one hundred native born American tars in the United States Navy. All the rest are Chinese, negroes, Portuguese, grensers, Cannucks, Greeks, Malays, and Patagonian. The one hundred are now lonely and are about to petition the Secretary of the Navy to give them an occasional week ashore so that they shall not forget how to speak the English language.

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The popular belief in the sanitary efficacy of red underwear is a clinging superstition, nothing more. Red was in ancient times considered a potent charm against the evil eye. At one time in the 16th century, when the evil eye was deemed to be especially triumphant in England, there was a boom in red tape which it has never since experienced. Many people to this day believe that a red string worn about the neck is a sure preventive of asthma, measles and mumps. The relics of this old faith are to-day best preserved in the great confidence which obtains in the medical virtues of red flannel, and a not so widespread belief that the milk of a red cow is better than that of any other cow. As to red flannel, it has the single merit over other colours that the dyeing material used destroys all vestige of animal life in the wool, and that red flannel does not shrink as white flannel does.

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A new use has been found for the carrier pigeon in Russia—carrying negatives taken in a balloon to the photographers. The "Novoe Vremya" gives an account of some experiments to this end recently made, in which the Czar's winter palace was photographed in the air, the plates being sealed in paper bags impenetrable to light, tied to a pigeon's foot, and sent to the developer.

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The use of compressed air as a motive power for tramways in France is extending. The system adopted is that invented by M. Mekarsk, director of the Nantes tramways, which has been open since 1879. The inventor asserts that the system is far more economical than horse traction—the cost of coal per day of a machine equal to eight or ten horse power being only 4s.—much cheaper than electricity or steam power and that the machinery is simple and does not require a skilled mechanic to control it.

25 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1915.

A Paris evening communique states: A Zeppelin has dropped bombs on Calais, killing seven station employees.

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The destruction of German power or influence in the Far East now having been accomplished, says the "London and China Express," the future of the Pacific—a problem that long filled the minds of the Chancelleries of the world having interests in those waters—should be of early solution. The ex-German Colonies, of course, shall remain under the Union Jack, and in all probability shall be administered by Australia, save, perhaps, New Guinea, every inch of which must eventually come under the British flag by treaty or cession. Never again can Great Britain afford to take the risks that she has taken in the past 20 years by allowing a strong Power to challenge her supremacy at almost every point on the five continents.

10 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1930.

Hopes for the establishment of an air mail service between Hongkong and London, via Singapore and India, in the not too distant future, are encouraged by a statement in the House of Commons, yesterday, when Mr. F. Montague introduced the Air Estimates.

5 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1935.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, to-day told the House of Commons that Great Britain had already taken steps to defend herself against possible air raids in the future. The estimates provide for a programme envisaging an increase of the fighting machines of the R.A.F. to a total of 1,460 by 1938.

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Declaring that the British Air Defence programme was entirely inadequate, Mr. Winston Churchill to-day caused a sensation in the House of Commons when he warned that the British Air Force had been allowed to stand inferior in strength to that of Germany's. The country was faced with something very like the possibility of a resumption of the War which ended in 1918, he challenged.

Speaking for the Government, Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, admitted that the political situation was most anxious, but asserted that the Government was determined to see that no stone was left unturned for the adequate defence of the country and the Empire.

The feature of the debate on the Air Estimates was Mr. Winston Churchill's address.

He bluntly asserted that, last November, Great Britain and Germany were virtually of equal air strength, but insisted that since then the British position had materially worsened relatively.

"We have entered into a period of gravest peril and are faced with something very like the possibility of a resumption of the war which ended in 1918," Mr. Churchill cried.

However, he still hoped and believed that the danger of armed conflict in Europe might be averted.

Replying for the Government, Sir Philip Sassoon, said that according to the Government's latest information he had every reason to think that Great Britain was still stronger than Germany in the air.

General Wavell's Visit To S. Africa

CAPETOWN, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—General Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in the Middle East, will fly from Capetown Rand to-day in a South African Air Force bomber.

General Wavell who arrived on Sunday for consultations with the Union Government yesterday visited the various defence points on the Cape peninsula.

He lunched with His Excellency and Lady Duncan and dined last night with General Smuts, the Prime Minister.

Hitler May Tell Of Brenner Parleys

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Hitler may summon the Reichstag in the next few days to hear the result of the Brenner meeting, it is learned from a Berlin source.

The decision probably depends on the final message from Rome after Signor Mussolini's farewell talk with Mr. Sumner Welles.

Press Opinions

Sympathetic Roosevelt

Supporting Cause Of The Allies

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The New York "Mirror" says: "Certainly President Roosevelt is sympathetic to the cause of the Allies and antagonistic to the cause of the Dictators. Certainly he sent Mr. Sumner Welles to Europe to find out how America can help to effect a peace that will not embarrass or jeopardise the interests of the Allies."

The Swiss Press attitude to the Hitler-Mussolini meeting is best summed up by the "Bund," which says: "We cannot help believing that Hitler's journey must have some connection with Mr. Welles' last days in Europe."

The article ends. "The political significance of the meeting will consist in Mussolini once more reminding Hitler that Italy's actions are conditioned by Italy's interests and nothing else."

Tdlo Talk

The "Basler Machrichten" says: "In Rome there is much idle talk of a possible change of Italian policy towards Russia, but opinion here maintains that there is no good reason now why Italy should want this."

The "Zurchers" says: "In Berlin and in transport circles here, it is believed that an increase in coal deliveries to Italy via Brenner is only possible if tremendous efforts are made and precise time-tabling and organisation introduced. The slightest interruption will endanger the whole."

Soviet Press Views

Foreign news columns in the Soviet Press are lately occupied mainly with the following themes: (1) The Imperialists, thwarted in the plot to force Scandinavia into a war against the U.S.S.R., are now busily trying to create a new war front elsewhere. Only the peace-loving policy of the U.S.S.R. has, till now, kept the European war from becoming a world conflagration;

(2) British designs in the Near East generally and the Balkans in particular are proved, by the presence of large numbers of British troops in Egypt, Irak, Palestine and Kenya, and the army in the Near East under General Weygand;

(3) The Imperialists hope to repeat the "Finnish experiment."

The Russian Aim

These three tendentious reports, published daily, are designed to show an imminent conflict between the Allies and Italy as the result of ambitions clashing over the Balkans, the Suez Canal, etc.

The London "Times," in a leader entitled "Fishing For Information," points out that the German attack on Scapa Flow was a duck. The German Command must, therefore, rely on such information as the British Government can be induced to vouchsafe.

The favourite German device is to vociferate inflated claims in the hope to provoke Admiralty detailed denials, from which reliable information could be deduced.

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EASTER HOLIDAYS

On Friday, the 22nd March the General Post Office and all Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays.

On Saturday, March 23 and Monday, March 25, the General Post Office and Kowloon Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence each day at noon. The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taipo and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. on March 23 and 25.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 9 a.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 13th March. Mar. 20.
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Bangkok and Saigon Mar. 20.
Manila Mar. 20.
Shanghai and Amoy Mar. 20.
Shanghai Mar. 20.
Straits Mar. 20.
Amoy Mar. 21.
Japan and Shanghai Mar. 21.
Saigon Mar. 21.
Australia and Manila Mar 21.
Canton Mar. 21.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 13th March. Mar. 22.
Canton Mar. 22.
Haiphong Mar. 22.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard Mar. 22.
Sandakan Mar. 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 14th Feb.) Mar. 22.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 12th March. Mar. 23.
Japan and Shanghai Mar. 23.
Rabaul and Manila Mar. 23.
Shanghai Mar. 23.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 16th March. Mar. 24.
Canton Mar. 24.
Shanghai and Amoy Mar. 24.
Straits and Palembang Mar. 24.
Haiphong and Hoihow Mar. 25.
Japan and Shanghai Mar. 25.
Japan Mar. 26.
Manila Mar. 26.
Shanghai Mar. 26.
Haiphong Mar. 27.
Java and Manila Mar. 27.

OUTWARD MAILS

Wednesday, Mar. 20
Straits and Calcutta
Parcels, ...Mar. 20, 11 a.m.
Ord., ...Mar. 20, Noon.
Haiphong 2 p.m.
Shanghai 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 28th March.
K. P. O.
Reg., ...Mar. 20, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Mar. 20, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg., ...Mar. 20, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Mar. 20, 7.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th April and London Parcels—due London, 28th April.
Kowloon P. O.
Parcels, ...3.00 p.m.
Reg., ...5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels, ...3.00 p.m.
Reg., ...5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...7.00 p.m.
Shanghai 7 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 21
Canton 7.15 a.m.
Japan 1.30 p.m.
Amoy 2.30 p.m.
Swatow and Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard 3.30 p.m.
Amoy 7.00 p.m.
Friday, Mar. 22
Manila 9 a.m.
Shanghai 9 a.m.
Saturday, Mar. 23
Canton 7.15 a.m.
Straits 8.30 a.m.
Saigon Noon.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 31st March.
K.P.O.
Reg., ...Mar. 23, Noon.
Ord., ...Mar. 23, Noon.
G.P.O.
Reg., ...Mar. 23, Noon.
Ord., ...Mar. 23, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 30th March.
K.P.O.
Reg., ...Mar. 23, Noon.
Ord., ...Mar. 23, Noon.
G.P.O.
Reg., ...Mar. 23, Noon.
Ord., ...Mar. 24, 7.30 a.m.
Sunday, Mar. 24
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa 9.00 a.m.
Monday, Mar. 25
Fort Bayard 10.30 a.m.
Tuesday, Mar. 26
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" due London 3rd April.
K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 26, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 26, 7 p.m.

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MAGAZINE PAGE

ENTERTAINMENTS

Partners commence in the ordinary dancing position for the verse and facing each other for the chorus.

Steps described are gentlemen's, lady commences on the opposite foot.



Commencing on the Left Foot. The One Step. 8 Walking steps forward, moving the left arm backwards and forwards as you walk.



One complete turn to the right, taking 8 beats balancing from one foot to the other—swaying the shoulders from side to side as you turn.



Now repeat the above figure, 8 One Steps and 1 complete turn, finish facing each other and shout "ooh."

KNEES UP MOTHER BROWN

The New Hongkong Dance Craze

"KNEES UP MOTHER BROWN" is Hongkong's latest party dance craze.

It was introduced to the Colony on Saturday night by Sandra and Fredric Hartnell, the star turn entertainers at the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel, and became an instantaneous success.



About a hundred couples essayed the dance after it had been demonstrated by the Hartnells, and voted it a worthy successor to "Lambeth Walk" and "Boomps a Daisy."

"Knees up Mother Brown" was introduced in London as recently as December 12 and is now sweeping England.

The routine was devised by Adele England, principal of the Locarno School of Dancing in London, who is responsible for several other successes of a like nature.

It is the fifth novelty dance to be introduced by C. L. Heimann, who was responsible for "Lambeth Walk," "The Chestnut Tree" (so popular with His Majesty the King), "The Park Parade" and war-time's "The Handsome Territorial."

"Knees Up Mother Brown" is a worthy successor. Its simplicity assures its success, for anyone can dance it.

THE first eight steps are a stiff - legged "cake - walk" (You'll recall from the movie that the stiff-legged "cake-walk" was the first jazz number invented by Irene and Vernon Castle). In "Knees Up Mother Brown" the arms are also used. The cake walk is followed by a complete turn to the right, swaying the shoulders from side to side as you turn. Then the cake-walk again, finishing with another complete turn and a shouted "ooh".

Then comes the Chorus.

Facing each other, gentlemen commence on right foot, ladies on left foot, and take three running steps forward. On the fourth beat the couple slip forward with bended knees—shouting "Well". The gentleman slightly lifts his trousers and the lady slightly lifts her dress. Then four running steps backwards.

A hop on the right foot (these instructions are for gentlemen—ladies, of course, use opposite feet) twice, at the same time extending right hand slightly lowered towards partner, palm upward, keeping in time with each Hop. (Some of the people at the Gripps used the Hitler salute!) Repeat on the Left Foot and Left Hand. Again on the Right and again on the Left. This is followed by a run towards partner, linking of right arms, a circle (this is similar to Lambeth Walk) and then back to places.

The final movement is to hop first on one foot and then on the other with the knees up, four steps facing each other and four steps moving towards each other.

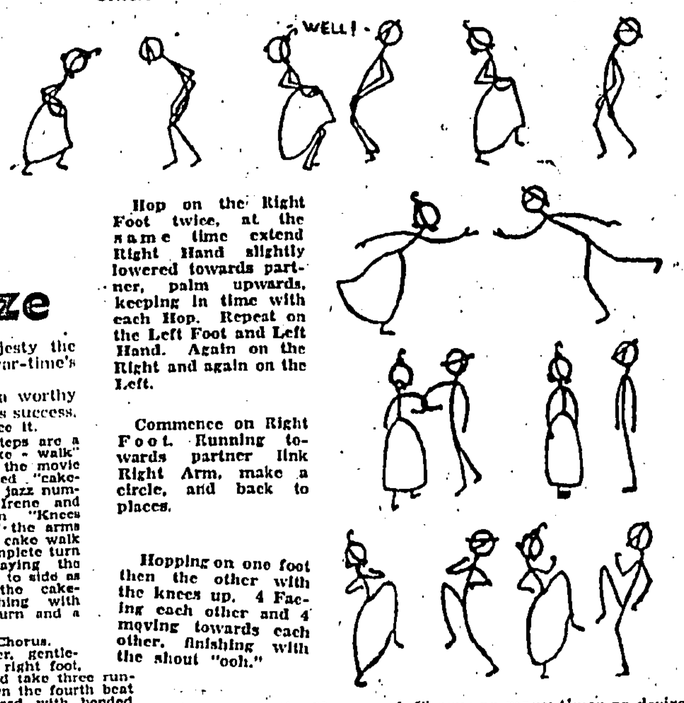
The Verse and Chorus can be repeated as often as desired.

It is a Novel Dance that is bound to click at all Hongkong clubs and dance halls.

Now for the steps of the Chorus.

Facing each other, commence on the Right Foot. 3 Running steps forward, on the 4th beat slip forward with bended knees—shouting "Well," slightly lifting trousers while lady slightly lifts dress.

Then 4 running steps back to places still facing each other.



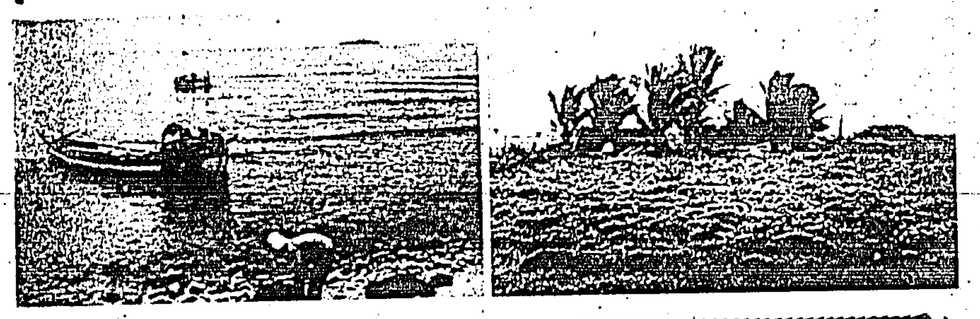
Hop on the Right Foot twice, at the same time extend Right Hand slightly lowered towards partner, palm upwards, keeping in time with each Hop. Repeat on the Left Foot and Left Hand. Again on the Right and again on the Left.

Commence on Right Foot. Running towards partner link Right Arm, make a circle, and back to places.

Hopping on one foot then the other with the knees up. 4 Facing each other and 4 moving towards each other, finishing with the shout "ooh."

Now repeat the Verse, and Chorus as many times as desired.

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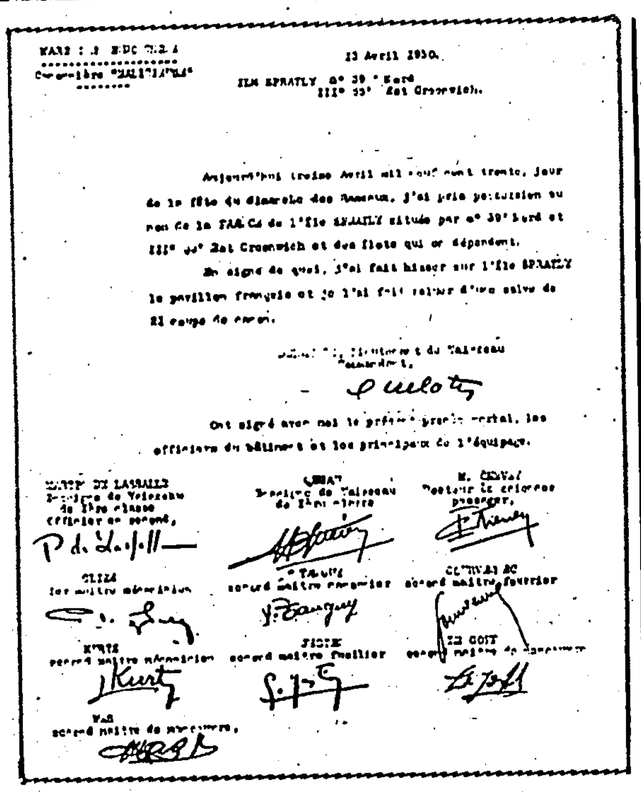
SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH.

TOKYO, Mar. 14 (Domei)—"No question can arise regarding the title to Spratley Islands, which the Japanese Government on March 30 of last year declared incorporated into Japanese territory and placed under the administration of the Government-General of Formosa," the Navy Office spokesman said



THIS MAP illustrates the strategic importance of the Spratley Islands, which lie midway between Hongkong, Singapore, Manilla and French Indo-China. France claims jurisdiction over the islands.

ABOVE.—Announcement of Annexation published in the "Telegraph" last week.



13 Avril 1930.

ILE SPRATLY 8° 39 ' Nord
111° 55' Est Greenwich.

Aujourd'hui treize Avril mil neuf cent trente, jour de la fête du dimanche des Rameaux, j'ai pris possession au nom de la FRANCE de l'île SPRATLY située par 8° 39' Nord et 111° 55' Est Greenwich et des îlots qui en dépendent.

En signe de quoi, j'ai fait hisser sur l'île SPRATLY le pavillon français et je l'ai fait saluer d'une salve de 21 coups de canon.

Pour le Lieutenant de Vaisseau Commandant,

Ont signé avec moi le présent procès-verbal, les officiers du bâtiment et les principaux de l'équipage.

ANNEXATION BY JAPAN

FOUR MAJOR POWERS—Britain, France, Holland and the United States—are opposed to Japan's annexation of the Spratley Island (also known as Storm Island).

Spratley is the main island in an archipelago, and has an area of only 120 acres.

Its importance is due solely to its strategic position, for it lies 410 miles from French Indo-China and some 500 miles from British North Borneo.

Japan claims that the reefs forming the Spratley group have long been known as ownerless and that since 1917 Japanese nationals had undertaken the economic development of the archipelago.

In 1843 Captain Spratley of the British whaler "Cyrus" sighted the island and plotted its position on the chart, but it was not until 1930 that it was annexed by any country.

In that year a landing party from the French minesweeper "Malicieuse" was put ashore, the tricolour was hoisted, and the commander formally took possession of the island in the name of France.

Above, TOP LEFT, shows the French taking possession of Spratley; seamen landing from the "Malicieuse" to hoist the tricolour in 1930. TOP RIGHT.—General view of island, with palms sheltering a primitive encampment formed by fishermen. The island is rich in phosphate deposits. BELOW RIGHT.—The affidavit signed by the Commander of the "Malicieuse," stating that Spratley Island was occupied on April 13, 1930.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Mother! That's so old fashioned the way you're fixing it—this is 1940, not 1939!"

INTELLIGENCE TEST

YOUR CHARACTER

THE test that follows on this page is based on thousands of studies. There will be a temptation to over-rate yourself. Don't fall for it—be as honest and as objective as possible. Rate yourself as follows: Distinctly superior, 5 points; above average, 4 points; average, 3 points; below average, 2 points; poor 1 point. The average is 45 points out of a possible 80. The best result in testing your character may be obtained by getting a friend to rate you.

INTELLECTUAL CHARACTER

1 Earnestness . . . Are you serious? Or inclined to be frivolous, trifling?
2 Open-mindedness . . . Receptive to others' ideas?
3 Accuracy Are you careful of statements, or inclined to indefiniteness?
4 Initiative . . . Do you think for yourself? Or drift along with others?
5 Rational . . . Are you judicious, or prejudiced?
6 Alert . . . Are you hard-working? Just average? Lazy?

WORKING CHARACTER

1 Purposeful . . . Can you avoid being led by likes and dislikes?
2 Teachable . . . Amenable to teaching? Or are you stubborn?
3 Attentive . . . Or do you find attention wandering?
4 Ambitious . . . Are you trying to improve? Or are you satisfied with yourself?
5 Punctual . . . Do you get there on time, or always a bit late?
6 Thorough . . . Verify your conclusions, or jump at them?
7 Thrifty . . . Careful with money? Miserly? Wasteful?
8 Artistic . . . Are you neat in work? Or slovenly?
9 Adaptable . . . Do you fit into surroundings easily? Or slowly?
10 Leadership . . . Do you follow a cause you consider worthy? ...

CHEERO CLUB

Bridge and Mah Jongg Drive Prizewinners

A successful Bridge and Mah Jongg drive was held at the Cheero Club yesterday. All present enjoyed the afternoon and an excellent tea was provided. Lady Noble presented the prizes which were won by the following:

Contract Bridge.—1st, Mrs. D. H. Clark; 2nd, Mrs. Hyde Loy; 3rd, Mrs. Razavet; consolation, Mrs. Odell.

Mah Jongg Clear Game.—1st, Mrs. Hourihan; 2nd, Mrs. Harndon; 3rd, Mrs. Fenton; consolation, Mrs. M. Smith.

Mah Jongg Chinese Game.—1st, Mrs. Orem; 2nd, Mrs. Smith, 3rd, Mrs. Redwood; consolation, Mrs. Lee.

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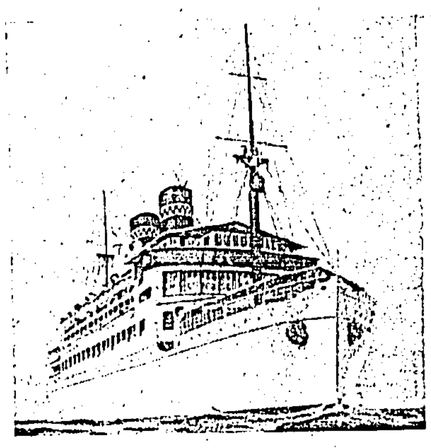
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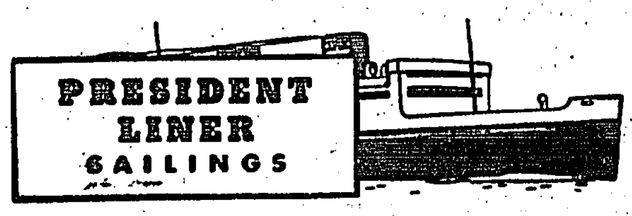
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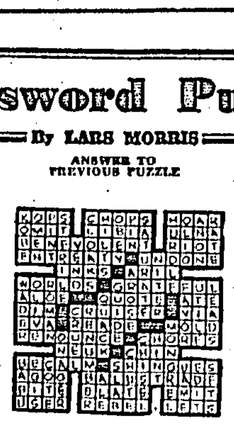
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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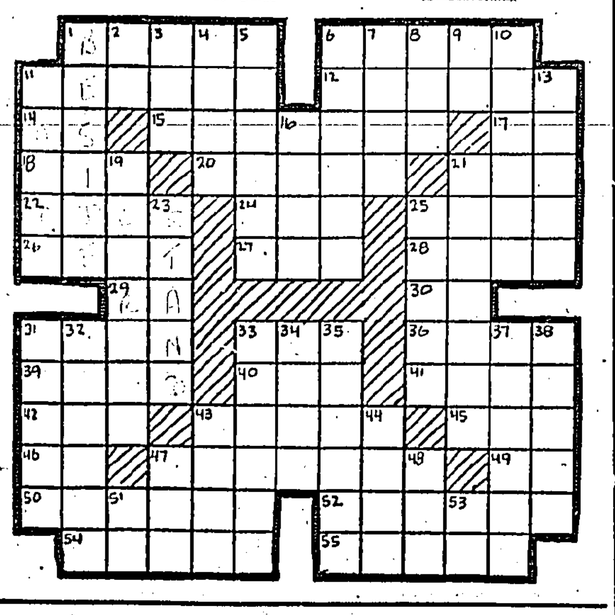
1—Foolish mistake (slang)
6—Removes skin
11—Once more (Latin)
12—Unmitigated
14—Bone
15—Medieval order of knights
17—Surprised sound
18—Over
20—Metal bars
21—Professional (slang)
22—Short poems
24—Solid water
25—Beverages
26—Plundered
27—Rounder
28—Destroy
29—Sun god
30—At home
31—Outer part of grain
33—Sister (col.)
36—Diminutive suffix
39—Pfalse
40—Policeman (slang)
41—Close permanently
42—Object
43—Kind of element
45—Bone of chest
46—Plural ending
47—Cure-all
49—Behold
50—Olive
52—Legal instrument of delivery
54—Fashions
55—Outde

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Alongside
2—Following after
3—Negative
4—Always
5—Modern Greek
6—Grew monotonous
7—Ages
8—Be wrong
9—G-sharp in B
10—Rounds in sleep
11—Borrow (poetic)
13—Things there
16—Type measure
19—Cheat
21—Plantation owner
23—Be erect
25—Constellation: Ram
31—Lose blood
32—Price of freedom
33—Parts of an act
34—Small bit
35—Open areas
37—Clothier
38—Joint of arm
43—Other of pair
44—For fear that
47—Bluff
48—Expert aviator
51—Denial
53—Concerning



THE "TELEGRAPH"

WAR MAP OF EUROPE

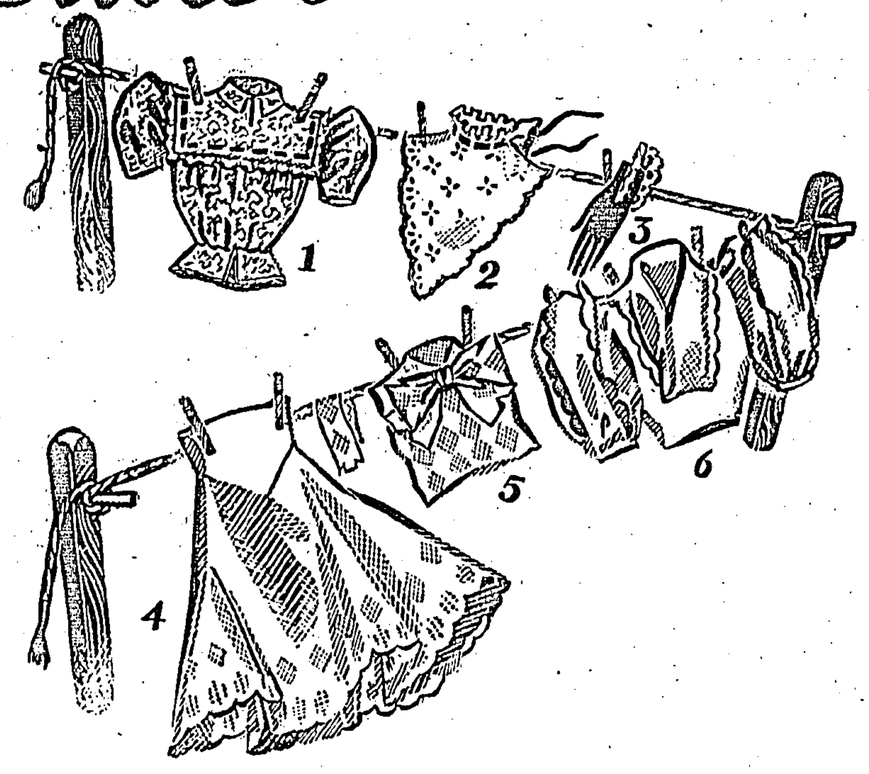
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So if you are doing this work yourself, use plenty of gold or silver thread and lots of coloured beads, sparkling stones, and sequins.

Reason for a Plastron

If you have a plain dark dress and want your trimmings to be interchangeable, then it would be a good plan to make a plastron front to tie at the back of the neck and also at the waist. It might be made of a short length of lame, embroidered with coloured stones or in the case of a patterned lame the design might be picked out in sequins or diamante stones.

The plain round neck of a dress is just the right background for embroidery which takes the shape of a of a collar with a bib-like front. First of all, the outline of the "collar" should be tacked on the dress, and then the design filled in with metal thread, silk, and sparkling stones.

Here, again, if you prefer, the collar, or "bib," can be embroidered separately, put on over the dress, and fastened at the back of the neck.

Silver Epaulettes

Long-skirted dinner dresses, as well as some of the smartest, short, full-skirted afternoon, are sometimes trimmed, very charmingly, with gold or silver "epaulettes." Fine gold braid may be used for them instead of metal thread, so that the embroidery is close and smartly stiff and heavy. Matching metal fringe may be added around the edges.

Dresses of the house-coat type made of fine black, dark green, or purple woollen material look lovely trimmed solely by two rather large breast-pockets encrusted by gilt or silver braid mixed with sparkling sequins or stones.

Sequins-trimmed evening sweaters are still very smart, but some of the latest for evening or afternoon wear are being embroidered in a deep "collar" effect around the neck and shoulders in simple designs carried out in metal thread diamante, and coloured stones as well as sequins.

Yvonne



This redingote is in deep moss green heavy silk. The dress is of light moss and white and black silk with shirring at the neckline. Note the pockets on the coat.

Attention For Kerchiefs

Handkerchiefs used by persons with colds should have special attention. Soak them first in salt water for half an hour to loosen the mucous. Rinse thoroughly, then wash in hot sudsy water. Boil in soapy water for at least 10 minutes and rinse until the water is clear. Blue in cool water and dry in sunshine. Persons having colds should wash their hands thoroughly and often to prevent spread of colds.

There's nothing like white—crisp, starchy white—for giving a lift to tired clothes. And if you can't invest in an all-new trimmings. Choose materials that will wash, because the white must be white every time you wear it.

Suggestions here—a frilly petticoat, a blouse, waistbands and a lace yoke—would look fine on any black or dark blue dress.

1 *This blouse would look grand under a plain dark suit. It is made of coarse white Irish lace, and tailored. It has a small turn-down collar, long, close sleeves, and the yoke is threaded with velvet ribbon.*

2 *This babyish bib is really a yoke for a dinner dress. It is made in broderie anglaise, with embroidered scalloped edges. Embroidered slots round the pic frill neck take a velvet ribbon to draw it close round the neck.*

3 *Any of your good, dark though rather tired-looking gloves can be given new life this way. Sew a strip of bold lace up the wrist.*

4 *This linen petticoat to swing beneath your skirt will give a lot of lift to a tired frock. Flared from the flat hip yoke, the hem is trimmed with crochet lace and embroidery.*

5 *Any frock you're bored with could do with this. Cut out the neck to a low square and tuck into it this gilet of fine embroidered lawn. There are wristbands to match.*

6 *Another dark frock could be made into a pinafore to wear over the organdie blouse. The shoulders are puffed, the long neck line trimmed with an embroidered band.*



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9.40 'Cello Solos by Pau Casals.—Vito (Spanish Dance), Op. 54, No. 5, Spanish Dance, Goyescas—Intermezzo, Toccata In G Major—Adagio, with Piano accomp.
9.55 Beethoven—Symphony No. 9 In D Minor, Op. 125 ("Choral").—Felix Weingartner and Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.
11.00 Close Down.

Chinese Programmes

Attention is called to the Z. B. W. Chinese programme during the Easter Week, which will include three talks by noted Chinese scholars and authors. The talks will be given in two dialects, Cantonese and Mandarin, and will start at 6 p.m. each day. They will be as follow:

Wednesday, March 20, "English and Chinese Educational aims and their similarity," by Dr. C. L. Hsia, member of the Legislative Yuan, National Government, China.

Saturday, March 23, "The Chinese Industrial Co-operative Movement in the South-west" by the C.I.C.

Monday, March 25, "Britain's Naval Week" by Dr. S. I. Hsiung, author of "Lady Precious Stream."

TWO-HEADED BABY

Manila, Mar. 19.

A double-headed baby was born to a peasant couple in the town of Lubao, Pampanga yesterday. The baby is still alive, but physicians doubt if it will live long.

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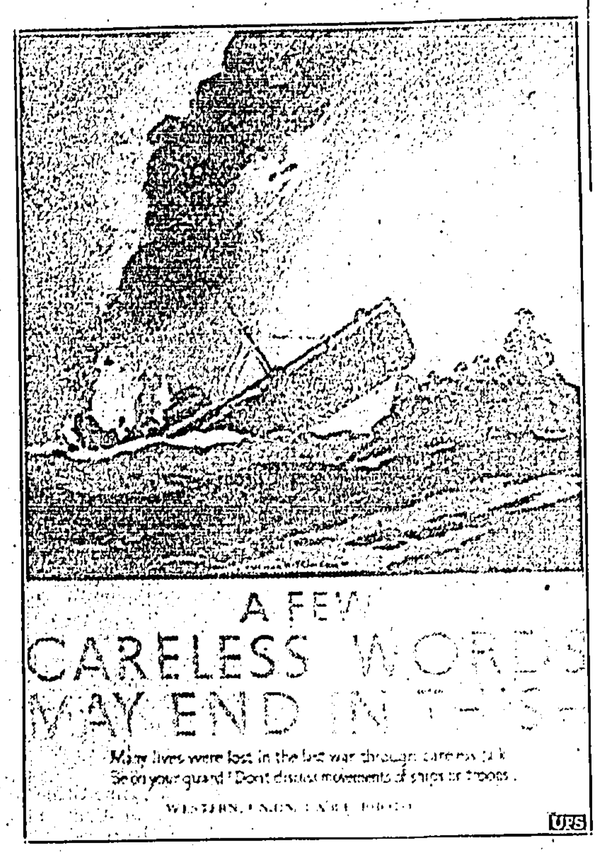
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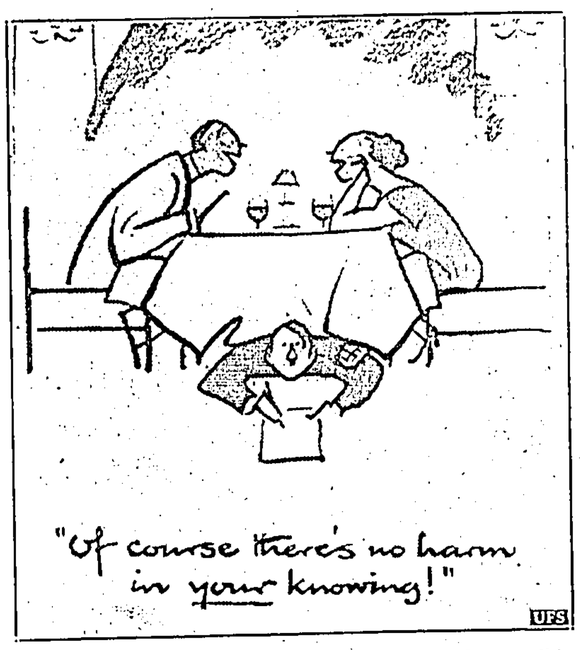
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WOMAN CUT OFF FROM WORLD FOR 10 YEARS

A WOMAN of ample means, who had cut herself off from the world for ten years, died from exposure to cold because she had no heating in her nine-roomed villa.

This was the story told at the Watford inquest on Miss Margaret Elizabeth Carter, of Bushey Grove-road, Bushey, Hertfordshire. She was 77.

"I never knew her go outside her house. No tradesmen or postmen ever called," said the man who did odd jobs for her.

Just Said "John"

He was her former milkman, Edward John Narroway, of Queen's-road, Watford.

On December 31, when he called, he saw she was in a state of collapse.

He sent for a doctor. She opened her eyes, said "John," then sank back in his arms and died.

It was stated that Miss Carter was wearing a brown skirt and six woollen cardigans pinned with about 50 safety pins. Her hair was covered with brown paper tied up with string.

Kitchen and scullery were full of old newspapers, magazines, books and unopened parcels. She had apparently lived and slept in a recess made in the papers in which it was impossible to lie down.

Bird-Lover

There had been no fire in any of the rooms for a long time. In several rooms downstairs there were pigeons and other birds.

They were all well cared for and there was food in the house, but no heating of any kind.

Miss Cicely Carter, of Kings-road, Richmond, a niece, said her aunt had been a recluse since 1930. She had plenty of clothing and ample means.

The last time she saw her aunt was in 1936. Her father had tried to persuade her to go into a home.

Miss Carter had written to her niece: "I have been having a very bad time as the conditions through which I have lived after my dear dog passed on seemed to have broken me beyond recovery."

The coroner returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes. He said Narroway did all he could for Miss Carter, and there was no lack of sympathy on the part of her relatives.

FAMOUS HOCKEY STARS READY



THE famous Toronto "Maple Leafs," of the National Hockey League, are training for war work. They are shown entering a trench for machine-gun and rifle practice outside Toronto.

GAVE WIFE £1,800, ASKED NO QUESTIONS

THE Registrar at Leicester Bankruptcy Court (Mr. C. Squire) said recently that he could not understand the attitude of a man who, without making any inquiries, gave his wife £1,800 when she asked for it.

Arthur Marston, of Hinckley Road, Leicester, an A.R.P. driver, was being further examined about his affairs. A letter from Marston stated:

"I have learned that my wife has money tucked away somewhere. Where, I don't know. Can you find out? I would like to know where £1,800 has gone in such a short time and no business people paid."

Marston stated that he gave his wife the money because she wanted it. His creditors, he said, would be paid when this matter was all over.

The hearing was adjourned pending a private examination of Mrs. Marston, which is to be held shortly.

GAULEITER FOR WALES!

AN American woman journalist in London tells a story of a dinner party she attended in Berlin just before the outbreak of war.

She remarked to her neighbour that she was leaving shortly for England.

"Don't do that," he advised her. "You speak German admirably. You also know England and its customs.

"I can find you a good job. For I am to be Gauleiter for Wales. I am busy learning Welsh now."

Judge Refused To Be Sent To A Bolt-Hole

"WILL STAY UNTIL BOMBS START"

THE Law Society, national headquarters of English solicitors, has returned to London. They had evacuated to Newbury (Berks) when the war began.

The Law Courts had also planned a move. But one eminent judge put his foot down on that.

He said: "If British soldiers can face the enemy for a few shillings a day, and our merchant seamen risk their lives in all weathers, the King's judges, who get thousands of pounds a year, need not bolt from their posts because of a problematical air attack.

"I shall sit in my court till the bombs start falling. Then, if it proves impossible to bring principals or witnesses here I'll reconsider the matter."

So the courts have stayed in London.

The barristers stayed there too, what was left of them. But that's not much.

The four Inns of Court are looking very empty these days. Here and there you stumble on groups of workmen reconditioning the chambers to make flats and offices out of them.

Closed Down

Fifty sets of chambers have closed down in the Temple, and for each set shut down you must reckon at least two clerks out of a job, sometimes three or four. Even the chambers that still carry on have got only two-thirds of their normal tenants left.

All the younger men have joined the forces, many of the older ones are in various Ministries.

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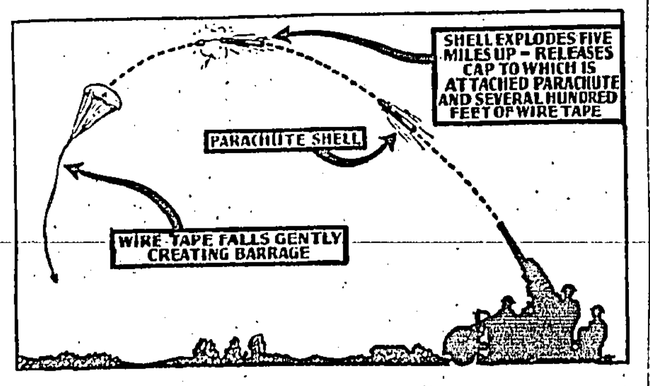
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NEW YORK.

INVENTION of a "parachute-shell," a new anti-aircraft weapon, is revealed in Washington.

This shell, which has an effective range of 25,000ft., releases hundreds of feet of steel tape attached to a parachute at a predetermined altitude.

Military officials say that a barrage of these parachute-shells would create a "net" which aeroplanes could not pass.

For Use In France

The new weapon was invented by an American six months ago and has been thoroughly tested.

It is understood that it will shortly be produced in France, and is expected to be used if large-scale raids are made by the Germans.

The shell is fired in the ordinary way, and its nose falls from the case, pulling out the steel tape and the parachute. The purpose of the tape is to foul propellers of opposing planes.

It is declared that the new shell makes the balloon barrage out of date.

Nazi Guns Countered

PARIS.

UNUSUALLY elaborate preparation by the German artillery, which may be a rehearsal for attacks on a larger scale, accompanied a series of raids on French outposts on the Rhine-Moselle front.

Two posts West of the Saar River, about a mile and a half apart, were attacked. For half an hour beforehand the German artillery tried to cut the French wire, and shelled French machine-gun posts in the front line.

In spite of all devices the French counter-battery fire was effective, and the German raiding parties were forced to retire by the French guns and machine-guns, leaving a number of dead between the lines.

1,000 MEN DRIVE DEER

A THOUSAND men are busy in Savernake Forest, Wiltshire, rounding up deer, and driving them into new quarters in an enclosed park surrounding Tottenham House, home of the Marquess and Marchioness of Allesbury.

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DEATH

LI.—On Wednesday, March 20, 1940, at the Queen Mary Hospital, Mr. Li Chor Chi, aged 52 years. Removed to Brown Jones Funeral Parlors, 45 Morrison Hill Road. Funeral arrangements to-morrow.

The Hongkong Telegraph.
Wednesday, March 20, 1940.
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Pawns of The Political Game

YESTERDAY'S report that a three-Power agreement between Germany, Italy and Russia is imminent provides a big temptation for jesting comment, and is certain to revive the jokes about Russia becoming the immutable enemy of the Comintern, which were prevalent when the Soviet and Nazi Germany effected their rapprochement. At the same time it is foolish to overlook the serious aspect of a three-Power political pact as envisaged in the news despatches. Its effectuation would entail a considerable loss of "face" by the two anti-Comintern States, hitherto sworn enemies of the Soviet and all things which the Russian system represents, but more important would be the political changes it would bring about in southeastern Europe and the Near East. The Balkans, already harassed by the close proximity of Greater Germany and Russia, would find it difficult to resist a tri-Power diplomatic "Blitzkreig" even though the Allies were to make counter guarantees of equal dimension.

It is quite obvious that the proposed rapprochement is not based on any single purpose. All three countries would enter the pact with individual ulterior motives; Germany to gain economic control of the Balkans; Italy to have two strong supporters for her "natural aspirations" in Northeast Africa and the Suez, and Russia for the protection of her illegal conquests in Poland and Finland. This factor of individual and separate aims is the weak point of any political pact between Germany, Russia and Italy. The partners become independent instead of interdependent, a position which may well bring about a quicker disruption of the partnership than any militaristic or economic action by the Allied Powers or the threatened Balkan States.

Hitler's assertion that he does not want the European conflict to be spread to the Balkans and the Near East may be a true reflection of his feelings, but the accompanying theory that a three-Power agreement would guarantee peace in those areas is hard to swallow. The more obvious effect would be to force the Allies into extending the war, if only to prevent Germany from acquiring so easily the economic war weapons which she so badly needs.

It is realisation of this possible turn to events which is probably influencing Hitler to seek Italy's positive aid in the war against the democracies. To bring about his economic conquest of the Balkans Hitler must have the political support of Italy and Russia; to guarantee that conquest against Allied interference he needs the armed support of at least Italy, and, if he can get it, of Russia. Thus, once again, the little Balkan States become pawns in the political game of the great nations.

BEYOND THE MAGINOT LINE



By PHILIP JORDAN
News Chronicle
Correspondent with the B.E.F.

IN groups of two, each strictly separated by about 200 yards—the men who occupy the most forward of our positions beyond the Maginot Line, climbed a hill to their lonely outposts in the wood above. Beyond that are the Germans. They move in such small groups because, as the blackboard on the road told them, the climb is all the way under observation from the enemy; and sometimes he lashes off with his machine-guns.

I climbed up to the wood and to its hidden outposts to-day—the first of all the war correspondents out here to be allowed to pay a visit to our men who are in constant contact with the enemy.

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THE real "front" lies some miles beyond our reserve line; and to reach it you must drive along exposed roads, and through deep forests where snow still lies on the ground.

You drive through several villages where human beings no longer live, and come finally to the blackboard on the road.

Beyond this point no vehicle may travel, no man may walk with more than one companion at his side: and no man may venture unless he has a tin hat perched uncomfortably on his head.

Plum trees line the road that leads up to the wood on the hill's summit; and fields from which last year's harvest was never fully gathered, roll across a wide valley bordered by woods into whose depths enemy night patrols occasionally penetrate.

Beyond the valley and on the summit of its enclosing ridge the German machine gunners lie waiting for parties sufficiently large to make it worth their while to fire.

When you are through the wire beyond the wood, you are but a few yards from positions from which our men watch, and sometimes check with their machine-guns, the daily movements of the enemy.

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FROM these positions you can sweep the whole range of hills opposite through powerful glasses and bring it within a comparatively few yards of your eyes.

Below is a deserted red-roofed village, where pigs, abandoned by their former owners in the hour of evacuation, roam at will and flourish until such times as either a British or a German patrol ventures into the deserted streets and captures one for fresh meat.

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FARTHER down the valley lies another empty village. Reports have long said that the Germans kept a permanent observation post there; but one regiment, when it was on duty in the outposts, had an idea that the reports were not quite true. To satisfy themselves, they sent out a daylight patrol, found that the Germans had gone, and rang the church bells just to tell the enemy where they were!

During the day the Germans make themselves scarce. Only a few were visible this morning; and when they had gone into the woods on their side of No Man's Land the country was immobile for some hours.

Only the occasional rattle of machine-guns on our flanks and the almost perpetual dull thud of artillery fire made it clear that the world is populated by more than the quiet men in our outposts and the huge black birds that fly ceaselessly across the cold, disputed land.

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SOME of those quiet men live in "The Ritz." It has sandbag walls; but it has a door, chintz curtains, a stove that everybody wishes would not sometimes take it into its head to smoke, two armchairs and a double bed! The kitchen adjoins; and from here hot meals, carried up the hill in huge vacuum flask containers, are served out at the proper time.

Tea came up while I was there to-day. Two men wheeled it up in an ornate old tyreless perambulator that they had "scrounged" from somewhere. Bread, margarine in huge yellow tins, raspberry jam, cheese, tea, and water for making it. That was this evening's meal.

Other men — the machine-gunners—live in their scientifically-sited posts; but these are not so comfortable as "The Ritz." You cannot sit upright in these sandbagged log cabins: you have to lie down all the time on the warm straw that covers the hard earth below.

All these, as it were, inverted dugouts lie close to the firing positions. Most of the firing positions and observation posts are tiny sandbagged fortresses, so placed that they enjoy the maximum security and combine it with the maximum effectiveness whenever it is necessary for the men inside to use their Bren and other quick-firing weapons.

Powerful telescopes help the sentries in these posts to pass long hours of duty without great strain on their eyes.

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ALL the men I found up there this morning are well and cheerful. And, like all their comrades elsewhere, are more concerned with their coming leave than with the enemy they face. When their turn comes some may go with a ribbon on their chests, for in the valley below them all the decorations of this war have so far been won, for those valleys and all land around the outposts are the battlefields of this strange conflict.

Not that they underrate the enemy's skill. They do not. They will tell you that he has been trained to the last hair; and that what he does not know about patrol work is not worth knowing. But that is about all they do say of him.

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BY the time these words get to London those men will have been relieved; and will have picked their way across the trip wires and all the empty tins that they have laid around them; and will have marched back to rest. When they come out of the line they will have learned the first three lessons of modern warfare: patience, patience, and then more patience. still.

MEN OF THE Q-SHIPS

The opening of another ruthless German submarine campaign recalls some of the most magnificent feats of the Great War—those of the Q-ships. The ships' activities ceased in 1918, but the deeds of their crews have lived on to record annals of courage and self-sacrifice that cannot be surpassed.

These ships went to sea with the deliberate intention of luring submarines to attack them, and Lieutenant-Commander E. Keble Chatterton has told how the officers and men serving in them—they consisted of armoured colliers, tramps, liners, cross-Channel packets, &c.—were drawn from every category of the sea—the Royal Navy, Royal Naval Reserve, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and Royal Fleet Reserve.

In his words, "They came from battleships and little ships, from fishing vessels, sailing craft, yachts, barracks, offices, and cab ranks. Hand-picked, disciplined, they were every one volunteers for what could be nothing but weeks of boredom suddenly enlivened by the fiercest excitement, ending probably in death. For their captains the responsibilities were enormous. First-class seamanship, exceptional coolness, immense patience, considerable imagination and quite unusual initiative were demanded."

The ships were of all types, and they were fitted out with guns and depth charges which were cleverly concealed behind dummy deck-houses, boats, &c.

The Panic Party

The crews would entice the enemy to close quarters by making a show of abandoning ship. No effort was spared to give the operations of the "panic party" every semblance of reality, for the success of the ruse and the lives of the ship and her crew depended on the submarine commander being taken in by the apparent haste of the men to pull away—by such studied details of a bird in its cage, the cook straight from his galley, the unkempt skipper, and a miscellany of uniforms. Often the ruse was completely successful and many submarines were sunk, although the Q-ships did not emerge from the campaign without suffering heavy losses.

Everything had to be rehearsed to the minutest detail, so that the suspicions of the submarine commander would not be aroused. If this did happen the submarine would dive and come up again unawares during the night and sink its opponent. The members of the panic party were all drilled into exactly what answers to give if the submarine commander asked questions, so that details were pat about the destination of the ship, cargo, and so on.

If the submarine did dive and hope to come up later the men on the Q-ship effected the most incredible changes during the time that elapsed. Funnels were repainted and the marks of another shipping company were put on, even the hull was sometimes gone over, a mast would be taken down, false deck-houses and other deck features were likewise altered.

Luring Submarines to Destruction

Concealed Guns

The guns were very cleverly hidden on the decks. In some cases they were disguised by a dummy boat that had been sawn in half and could be removed instantly. In others a gun was concealed by what appeared to be a life-belt locker. Sometimes tarpaulin screens concealed them, and these dropped at a touch.

At the critical moment for action the signalman would drop the Red Ensign and run up the White Ensign, so informing the enemy of the real status of the ship. Almost always the engagement was short and sharp—the submarine was holed at a vital point and sank or the Q-ship went to her doom.

Scores of stories could be told of the gallant fights put up and the names of many of the Q-ships are immortal in the history of the British Navy. One of the earliest was the Prince Charles, and experience with her did much to influence the evolution of the Q-ship. She was a collier and came up against the submarine U-36. The commander of the U-36 began to shell and the collier's panic party tumbled into the boats. The U-boat closed in, when suddenly her crew were amazed to see men on the deck of the Prince Charles clearing tarpaulins. Shells pumped forth, and the submarine attempted to dive but was holed too badly. With a plunge she went to the bottom.

Another was the Heligoland, a sailing vessel of about 310 tons, which made things hot for the U-boats, and time and again she escaped only miraculously. Then there was the Glen, which encountered a submarine and began her play-acting as a terrorised coaster, and the panic party got ready to lower the boat. The enemy drew within 200 yards, and, seeing the "alarm" came nearer still, to within about 80 yards.

Then the Glen opened fire, and shell after shell crashed into the submarine's hull. In fact she was riddled and by diving sealed her own doom. Shortly afterwards another submarine appeared and attempted to fight the Glen, but gave up the task towards dusk, finding the Q-boat crew too tough.

A Hot Combat

The first prize brought in during the war was the German schooner Else, appropriately renamed the Prize, and she became a Q-boat. She worsted the U-boat No. 93 after an epic fight. Trawler Skipper Prewer and six men abandoned the old "coaster" with every evidence of panic, and the submarine commander thought he had an easy prey. He fired shells at her and caused casualties, but the men lay low. The submarine came within 70 yards, and her commander lost all suspicion.

It was the critical moment. The order flashed: "Down screens! Up White Ensign! Open fire!" The Prize fired on, although the submarine answered to the last, and went down burning fiercely. Yet the amazing thing was the survivors on board managed to quell the fire and to regain the surface, and under Lieutenant Ziegler she reached port, a marvellous performance.

One of the finest feats of all was that of the Lowestoft fishing smack, Telesia. She was trawling 35 miles south of that port, and had guns on board. It was about noon when the submarine appeared, and to the skipper's amazement it fired a torpedo, costing hundreds of pounds, at its tiny opponent. The Telesia let fire straight away—there was nothing else to do. Fortunately the missile missed the smack's bows by about four feet, and then the enemy dived.

Half an hour later the enemy reappeared and hoped to finish off the job—and fired another torpedo. This missed and the Telesia answered back full of spirit. She got in two perfect shots and holed the submarine. The U-boat thought it wiser to dive and make off, for a third shot would have been fatal. So rapidly did she dive that her propeller showed. This gallant smack had the honour of appearing in the Naval Review during King George V's Silver Jubilee.

C. Leslie Johnstone.

UPROAR IN DIET

When Minister Refuses To Answer Questions

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

The Asama Maru incident had a stormy sequel in the Diet to-day when Mr. Ichiro Kiyose, Jikyoku Doshikai, charged the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, with a breach of faith in failing to give a clear-cut answer to his repeated interpellations on Anglo-Japanese negotiations.

Mr. Kiyose took exception to the Foreign Minister's explanations regarding the negotiations for the settlement of the Asama Maru case. His queries, being ignored by the Minister at a recent meeting of the House of Representatives, Mr. Kiyose addressed an open letter to the Minister which again was disregarded.

Taking up the issue again at the general meeting of the House of Representatives this afternoon, Mr. Kiyose dwelt upon the diplomatic negotiations between Japan and Britain. He charged that the instructions by the Ministries of Communications and Railway to prevent belligerent nationals embodied in armed forces or suspected of being embodied in armed forces from using Japanese ships including the Japan-Korean ferry-boat tended to offend Article 28 of the Naval Warfare Regulations. He further alleged that if the instructions had been issued in return for the return of German nationals and as political bargaining, it would form a very serious issue. He also suspected whether Britain really expressed regrets for the incident.

Mr. Arita, again refused to answer when members of minority groups including the Jikyoku Doshikai, the Social Mass Party and the First Lobby rose in a body and loudly demanded immediate replies.

Recess Declared

The Speaker Mr. Koyama, declared it was entirely up to the Government whether they would reply to queries on diplomatic notes. As the confusion continued unabated, the speaker declared a recess.

The House met again at 5 p.m. when Mr. Sakichi Hattori, Minsei, advised the Government to reply to the query by Mr. Kiyose, despite precedents, in view of the consequence of the issue at stake.

Mr. Arita finally took the rostrum and declared that the Government was adhering to the declared policy of avoiding involvement in the European war and concentrating on the disposal of the China Affair. The Asama Maru case had also been dealt with in the light of the same policy.

The British side on January 27 expressed regret for the incident and subsequently returned nine of the 21 Germans removed from the Asama Maru.

On Japan's part, the Government had undertaken not to give passage to nationals of belligerents who were embodied in armed forces or suspected of being embodied in armed forces aboard Japanese ships.

"To put it in a nutshell, Japan has endeavoured to settle the incident from an independent standpoint," Mr. Arita said.—*Domei.*

Scuffle On Floor

The *United Press* version of the incidents says a near riot occurred following the Foreign Minister's refusal-to-answer—when Mr. Koyose, charged Mr. Arita with incompetence and subterfuge in handling the Asama Maru case.

Members of the Social Mass, Jikyoku and Doshikai Parties rushed towards the rostrum and shook their fists at Mr. Arita, pounded desks, stamped on the floor and shouted.—"You fool! Coward! Are you the Foreign Minister of Japan or Great Britain!"

The speaker ordered the guards to eject the members, who surrounded the guards and had a scuffle with them. The Speaker then declared the recess and ordered the House to be cleared.

It was the most disorderly session in recent years.

Mr. Kiyose's interpellation was that Britain refused to express regrets over the Asama Maru case until Japan had agreed to forbid the passage of belligerent militarists aboard Japanese ships. Therefore foreign nations believed that Japan was weak; hence the United States loans to China and the British and French seizures of Japanese mails."

Reuter's version of the affair says that Mtr. Kiyose repeated his assertion that the expression of regret contained in the British reply was inserted later, in exchange for the Japanese concession that Japanese steamers would not carry Germans of military age.

When the Speaker pointed out to Mr. Arita that he was not obliged to answer the question Rightist members shouted—"Answer! Answer!" and Mr. Oda (Social Mass Party) rushed to the speaker's dais and demanded a reply. When the guards tried to eject Mr. Oda members of his party rushed to prevent it and Minseito members rallied to protect the Speaker. A general free-for-all then ensued.

FRENCH CABINET REORGANISATION

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—According to a French radio announcement, reorganisation of the French Cabinet is imminent.

Camouflage Pioneer Dies In London

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Aubrey Hammond, the well-known artist and stage designer.

He was also a pioneer of camouflage.

PREMIER DEFENDS HIS POLICY

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must be decided upon with the most expert advice we can command.

"In the meantime the best way to ensure victory is to preserve unshaken our determination and unity.

"We have redoubtable allies. We have our kinsmen and fellow subjects in the British Empire. We have loyal and trusted friends across the Channel with their magnificent army and unlimited patriotism.

"Best of all, we have the consciousness that what we are fighting for is what every right-minded citizen in the world desires on which to base the establishment of a durable and moral peace such as that of which President Roosevelt spoke," concluded Mr. Chamberlain amid loud cheers.

Mr. Attlee Cautious

The Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee said that Finland's magnificent fight against aggression was in the same cause as that for which Britain was fighting.

The duty of assisting Finland, he said, was not laid only upon Britain but upon all members of the State's League. In this case Norway and Sweden, he said, had not powerful armaments.

He did not like to hear harsh judgment made against people who after all were pretty close to the front line.

The amount of aid Britain could send was conditioned by the extent to which they could act in concert with Sweden and Norway.

Any infringement of their rights was quite unthinkable, he continued.

The Opposition, added Mr. Attlee, were not in a position to say that the British Government could have sent more help with safety, but he would like to be certain that what had been sent was sent in time and without unnecessary delay.

He hoped that the example of this country in helping with the reconstruction of Finland would be followed by others.

Mr. Attlee then asked if Britain was doing all that could be done in the diplomatic, military and economic field.

Must Learn The Lesson

He agreed with Mr. Chamberlain that the lesson they must learn from Finland was that if they wanted to defeat aggression they must stand together.

He trusted that they would be prepared to resist any attack which Hitler might make upon them.

He, however, declared that the policy of sitting quiet would be suicidal and that the initiative must not be left with Hitler.

They must use their material and human resources in the best possible way, he added.

Too Much Unemployed

On the subject of coal he said that too many miners were unemployed for war time. The transport system was wasteful and they should make better use of railroad, canal and sea transport. He was of the opinion that a great deal more direction was wanted there.

They wanted greater utilisation of their man-power and Mr. Attlee reminded the House that there were still 1,400,000 unemployed in Britain.

Sir Archibald Sinclair agreed with Mr. Chamberlain in assigning the proper perspective to the recent engagement at Scapa Flow.

The course of this war had been so unexpected and so quiet, he said, that if a gun went off anywhere the people seemed to assume tremendous things.

They were at war with an immensely powerful and efficient enemy.

The question at issue was whether Europe would rattle back into barbarism and gangster governments or whether they could recreate their civilisation based on freedom, justice and the rule of the law.

The freedom and independence of Poland, Finland, the Baltic and Scandinavian countries depended on the victory of the Allies in this war against Germany, he added.

Sir Archibald then said that they needed to exert themselves to gain this victory.

They must seize the initiative and hold it.

Lopsided, Unwieldy Cabinet

Parliament should consider whether they wanted more efficient National and Imperial instruments of war direction than they possessed.

"It does not look as though the present War Cabinet, lopsided and unwieldy with the present means of Dominion and inter-Allied consultation, is capable of promoting a vigorous and decisive initiative either in the economic, diplomatic or military field," he said.

"It seems to me that we ought to discuss them in a private session. It is too late to save Poland or Finland and we should thrash these things out before our cause suffers another damaging setback."

Belisha's Questions

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the former War Minister, asked whether in their strategy, diplomacy and their total efforts they were doing everything to achieve their aims.

War began with two swift strokes. Poland was annihilated and German commerce was swept from the seas.

Since then Germany had been inactive on land and the Allies had applied a blockade. It was the sole offensive weapon they had employed.

As long as Russia was engaged in active operations in Finland, the date at which Germany could obtain material advantages of her partnership—particularly oil—was being postponed.

It was in the interests of the Allies to maintain the resistance of Finland. It must be assumed from the decision of the Supreme War Council that the sending of a force was practicable and desirable.

From that moment, the action of the Allies should have been clear-cut and decisive. Hesitation might be permissible in the formulation of policy, but surely not in its execution.

Allies Lose Initiative

Events had shown that it was indeed unfortunate that the Allies had allowed their intended initiative to be wrested from them. It was known to everybody that the need for men was urgent.

It was only three weeks after the decision was taken by the Supreme War Council and when the Finnish Government were already actually in touch with Moscow that they were informed that the despatch of men as well as materials was contingent on a further appeal being made by them.

Mr. Hore-Belisha referred to the fact that the Norwegian Foreign Minister had stated that a request was made to them to allow troops through only when the Soviet-Finnish talks were already under way.

Could Have Broken Onslaught

"There was a uniformity of opinion that powerful onslaughts from the air could have broken the Russian onslaught.

None of the objections raised to the despatch of troops could have prevented the sending of squadrons of the R.A.F.

"Would it not have been worth one month's output from our factories of aeroplanes to save the situation?"

The Allies did not fail in their policy, which was deliberate and well-conceived, nor in their preparations for giving effect to that policy. But if they failed, it was because they were not determined enough and not quick enough in executing their own decisions.

Britain and France hesitated. The enemy acted. Finland was lost.

Total War Demands Total Means

Continuing his address, Mr. Hore-Belisha said that to-day, the effects in Europe were everywhere apparent. There were moves towards new alignments.

The war might be static but Hitler and his emissaries were busy.

Mr. Hore-Belisha asked whether they could not counteract the accelerating tendency of neutrals to compound with Germany.

Total war must be won by total means.

He pointed out that the Nazi-Soviet Pact had repelled the sympathies of Italy and Japan with Germany and it was evident now that Germany set great store by the rehabilitation of her friendships.

It would indeed be unfortunate developments if those ideologies were to come together again against the democracies.

The empires of Britain and France were the strongest entities in the world. If they were to carry the cause to victory, they must not only be strong. They must use their strength.

Not A True Picture

Mr. Chamberlain, replying in the debate after announcing the attack on Hornum, referred to the fear expressed by the Opposition Labourite, Mr. Hugh Dalton, that the morale of the country was not being sufficiently sustained by the Government.

The Prime Minister said: "It does not conduce to winning the war to suggest that this country is being outwitted at every turn by our opponents and that our measures to carry the war to a successful conclusion are open to criticism on the ground that there are leaks through which there are supplies into Germany. That is not a true picture."

Mr. Dalton had failed to understand the scale on which we are working and the small proportion to the whole of those leaks. One could not except to establish a perfect blockade.

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised the difficulty of conducting the blockade and said that Mr. Dalton gave them to understand that no neutral rights should stand if, by violating them, we could damage the enemy.

Forfeited Right Of Appeal

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that we were trying to keep within the rules of international law and said that as far as Germany was concerned she had absolutely forfeited any right of appeal to international law against any violation of that law we might embark upon in order to injure her. But there were very few cases in which the matter was as simple as that.

When it came to infringing the rights of neutrals in our endeavour to engage the enemy at closer quarters, we must have some regard for thos international laws to which we had appealed so often ourselves.

Referring to the allegation of Mr. Dalton that Norway had tolerated the violation of her neutrality by German warships, Mr. Chamberlain said the British Navy and Air Force had kept a constant and continuous watch on Norwegian waters to see if German warships were violating them. And had we been able to establish a single case of that kind, we would not have hesitated ourselves to enter those territorial waters and attack such ship. (Cheers).

Peevish And Perverse

Dealing with criticisms regarding the Finnish war, Mr. Chamberlain described Sir Archibald Sinclair's speech as peevish and perverse. He pointed out that the question of sending volunteers never could have played a major part in any assistance which could have been given.

We were told that trained troops were what Marshal Mannerheim wanted. Volunteers never could have made a serious difference in the campaign if they stood alone. We did not know that the situation was deteriorating up to a short time before the final collapse. We were told that the spirit of the army was completely unbroken and they were confident of being able to hold the Mannerheim Line.

It was only really a few days before the final collapse that we were informed that the situation was considered serious.

Referred To Chiefs Of Staff

Mr. Chamberlain said that every request the Finns made to us was referred to the Chiefs of Staff to know whether they considered it was justified in the circumstances in which we found ourselves. If we had considered solely those things which were naturally properly in the minds of the Chiefs of Staff, we should have sent very much less than we did.

The Cabinet took the responsibility and risks in sending equipment and material which we thought might help the Finns to hold out.

Dealing with the criticism that the Government had been too late, Mr. Chamberlain stressed the enormous preparations required for such an expedition, and said that the troops had to be specially selected and equipped to work in deep snow. Equipment had to be procured from another country, and transport had to be made ready.

It was not easy to pick up a number of ships at a moment's notice and make them ready for such an expedition. Nevertheless it was done.

Everything was arranged according to a definite timetable.

Why Expedition Did Not Sail

The reason for the Finns' hesitation to make an appeal for assistance was not because the expedition was too small or too late. It was neither hesitation nor vacciliation. The only reason the expedition never sailed was because when the time came, the Finns could not make an appeal because Sweden and Norway flatly refused to allow troops to pass through their countries.

Replying to the criticism that Britain might have sent planes, the Prime Minister said that when the Finns requested large quantities of bombers, these could only have been taken from the home defence or the B.E.F. Nevertheless we sympathetically considered the appeal but bombers could not operate without preparation for a ground staff, reserve ammunition and means of repair.

They must be able to operate continuously from Finland. We were ready to supply the crews and a number of bombing planes if the appeal was made, but by that time we knew that negotiations were going on. We were not sure that the fighting would continue and could not contemplate sending large numbers, precious to ourselves, if after all we found that they failed to send the Finns and we could not get them back again.

Even so, in response to an appeal from the Finnish Minister at the last moment, we did send what bombers we could.

Did All We Could

Subject to the responsibility of winning the war against our own enemy, we did all we could in the time (Cheers).

On the question of production, Mr. Chamberlain said that he was convinced that during the next fortnight the House would be able to see an appreciable increase in production of goods. Although differences were expressed this afternoon, these were on the surface of an underlying unity of the parties. (Cheers).

Mr. Chamberlain said that he accepted and subscribed to the words of President Roosevelt the other day regarding what a peace should be.

He concluded: "While we had not embarked on war, I did my best to avert war. Now that I have entered the struggle, I shall be just as determined and just as persistent in achieving the purpose we have in mind as I was in trying to keep the peace before the war started." (Cheers).

EDEN MAY BECOME MINISTER FOR AIR

canvassed that there might be some reconstruction in the Government at Easter, states Reuter's Lobby Correspondent.

The three main reasons advanced by the prophets for his reconstructions are:—

(1) The War Cabinet is too large.

(2) The personnel needs overhauling.

(3) There is a general lack of drive in the Government's war policy.

Thus to-day's big speech by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons was awaited with special interest as likely to show the temper of the House towards the Government in particular and the direction of the war in general.

Little Criticism

The chief Opposition speeches which followed the Prime Minister's speech showed an understanding of the Government difficulties and even Mr. Hore-Belisha's close adherents would be unlikely to deny that his speech stirred no dissentient chord in any other quarters.

Indeed he was heard in almost total silence until the point at which he said that Czechoslovakia's cause was a righteous one—whereupon the loud ironical cries of "You were in the Government" were heard from the Opposition.

Whatever changes in the personnel which Mr. Chamberlain might have in mind for the Easter recess—and well-informed quarters continue to discount any such intention—they will not be a result of to-day's debate.

Made Out Good Case

The first impression gained from the reception of the Prime Minister's speech is that the House feel that he made a good case in regard to Finland and that if there is to be any further discussion of the war capacity of the Government it must await another secret sitting.

One of the outstanding features of the comments heard is that there is a universal regard for Finland and an understanding of the difficulties of the northern countries.

NANKING REGIME

Tokyo Will Negotiate Treaty With Wang

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

The new Japanese envoy to the Wang Ching-wei regime, General Nobuyuki Abe, former Premier, has been invested with full powers to adjust and regulate the new relations on the basis agreed last December between Wang Ching-wei and the Japanese authorities in China, and to negotiate the treaty governing those relations after the inauguration of the new Central China Government, according to Japanese reports.

The treaty, consisting of brief but explicit stipulations providing for the clarification of the joint responsibility and of the mission imposed upon Japan, Manchukuo and China for the attainment of the aims outlined in the famed Konoye statement of December 22, 1938, will be the highest principle in Sino-Japanese relations.

Upon signature, the treaty will be made public by Japan and China in the form of a joint simultaneous announcement, whereupon Japan and the new Central Government of China will enter into new relationship and the mission of the special envoy will end.

The envoy will be accompanied to China by a large suite, including representatives of the War Office, the Navy Ministry and Foreign Office and a section of staff members on the China Affairs Board, a Central organ vested with broad powers to deal with all affairs relating to China, particularly in the field of economy.—*Reuter.*

NO PEACE BASIS

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appealing for liberal world sentiment and cynical disregard of the real objects for which this war is being fought.

Peace Offensive Ridiculed

ROME, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The idea of a peace offensive by Signor Mussolini has been scouted by Signor Gayda.

Writing in the "Giornale D'Italia", Gayda says it is grotesque for the democracies to insist on fixing on Il Duce the permanent task of being an intermediary.

"It is unthinkable," he says, "that Il Duce should visit the capital in Europe in a peace movement for which no Government is yet asking."

Did Not See Mussolini

ROME, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles did not see Signor Mussolini to-day.

However he lunched with Count Ciano at the Rome Golf Club. The two statesmen remained in conversation for a couple of hours after lunch.

The American Ambassador was present at the luncheon.

Mr. Sumner Welles is leaving for Genoa this evening and will embark on the Conte de Savoia to-morrow.

Confers With Colleague

ROME, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—During his stay, Mr. Sumner Welles conferred with Mr. F. P. Hibbard, First Secretary of the United States Legation at Bucharest, whom he had specially summoned from the Rumanian capital.

DEATH OF MR. LI CHOR CHI

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wife of Mr. C. L. Chow, B.A., F.C.I., T.D. (Birmingham).

The late Mr. Li took a great interest in public affairs, having only last week been re-elected a member of the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, with which he had been connected for a number of years. He was also, at the time of his death, Chairman of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the Chinese Mission for Lepers, which was founded by his brother, Mr. Yinson Lee.

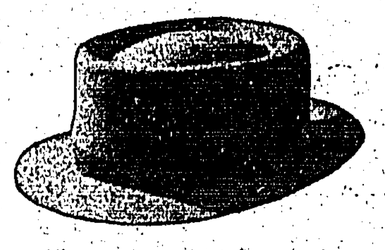
The body has been removed to Brown Jones Funeral Parlour at 45 Morrison Hill Road, and the funeral arrangements will be announced to-morrow.

In lieu of flowers, friends are requested to send donations in memory of the late Mr. Li Chor-chi to the Chungshan Refugees Fund, c/o *S. C. M. Post.*

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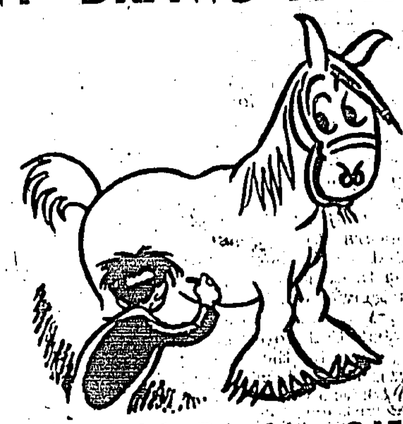
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A.A. Lopes Wins Senior Championship At Country Club

(By "Birdie")

THE RAINS CAME—and let us thank whom we must for the brief but fairly solid showers that fell on golf courses during the past week. The fairways were quite unrecognisable in the fresh green colour they had put on. The Country Club course at Sheungshiu lost its resilience and its parched appearance, and for the first time in many moons the sand greens played as though of turf.

The great match of the week-end past was the final of the Country Club Championship, in which A. A. Lopes beat E. Sadick 3 and 1, over 36 holes.

Lopes finished the first 18 holes one up, and at one stage in the second 18 Sadick had drawn level, but Lopes gradually forged ahead again, and ultimately became dormie two. He won the 35th and the match, 3 and 1.

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BODY weight seems to be causing as much concern among men as among women in beauty parlour. I don't propose to take sides, and no doubt by this time people have formed opinions of their own. As I gather, there seems to be three schools of thought. (a) Mr. Davidson, who in quoting *The Science Of Golf* by P. Fowlie, M.B., appears to be of the opinion that a golf shot is body from alpha to omega; (b) "The Rough" acknowledges that body weight to a certain extent is essential, but that foremost is the work done by the wrists, and (c) Mr. Scott Harston and Mr. R. Hancock who take up cudgels on behalf of cricketers; and who are of the opinion that body work counts for nothing in making a cricket drive—that it is all a matter of rhythm and timing.

I should like to add my little bit which is again different from any of the foregoing in that, though like "The Rough" I agree that wrist-work and body-work are an essential combination for a golf shot, I would place the body as being the more contributory to force, and, therefore, of primary importance. Unfortunately, in golf, there are two kinds of shots.

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LET us take the drive (or the shots with wooden clubs) first. The wrists are the last members of one's body that come into operation—that is, the club is brought down first by the body pivot, then by the arms,



A. A. LOPES . . . *the new Champion of the Country Club, Sheungshiu. He beat E. Sadick 3 and 1 in the final last Sunday.*

and finally the wrists snap the club head into position at the moment of impact. Now what *should* be considered at the moment of impact is the momentum of the club head and the inertia of the ball. If the one force were equal to the other, the natural reaction would be for the club head to bounce back, but the force of the club-head (I don't know what it is expressed in—foot-pounds or foot-poundals) is its speed multiplied by the weight. And that is something very much greater than the inertia of the ball.

Let us suppose that the speed of the club-head were 100 miles an hour. I don't know whether that is so or not, but it must be something around that figure. Then for the wrists alone to create that speed, they would indeed have to be tremendously strong . . . but, the work of the wrists is not so great. The body and arms bring the club-head down with the greater part of that speed, and all that the wrists do is impart the extra few miles per hour.

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Macao Interport Soccer Team

Scottish Eleven Chosen For International Cup

MACAO, March 18. With the coincidence of both the hockey and football Interport fixtures which are being staged in Hongkong on the coming Sunday, sport circles in Macao are very enthusiastic and the feeling runs high that the Macao teams stand a fair chance of giving a good acount of themselves.

In the soccer match, Macao is being represented by a fine crew of local First Division players of whom a brief individual pen sketch follows.

Santos is very sure in his position at goal, and in recent trials has shown up as dependable in dangerous moments.

Collaco, captain, has played in both previous Interports. He is so adaptable as an all-round player that he has been appointed to take charge of the defence instead of occupying his usual centre-forward or half-back positions.

Chiu Fu-hon as left back played for Canton Police prior to the Japanese occupation. He is very steady and will work like a Trojan. He clears beautifully.

Lou Hon-san, ex South China player, holds the important pivot position as Macao's centre-half. At all times a fine, clean player.

Magalhaes is Macao's experienced and reliable right-half. Although heavy, he makes up by his quality of feeding the immediate forwards and marking his opponents.

Lau Hing-choi, a fast left half, combines well with the full-backs.

Rego is tricky and has fine speed in the flank position of outside-right.

Joanilho is a hard-working inside right and can be relied upon to combine with Macao's right winger.

Carvalho as centre forward is the most agile player. He possesses exhaustless energy and shoots accurately. Last year's goalie for Macao.

Lau Chung-san is a footballer who, having played for South China, is prominent on the forward line and needs little introduction. Always dependable. He is to play inside-left for Macao.

Ip Pou-tou, fast outside-left, is very tricky and has perfect understanding with his inside-left colleague. Centres beautifully.

Reserves.—Boyes, Cordova, Lau Chung-kuan and Leong Sui-va.

SCOTLAND XI

In the final of the International Charity Cup competition at Sookunpoo on Easter Monday, Scotland will be represented by Duncan; Bone and Blackburn; Birrell, Williamson and Clarke; Munro, Pryde, Coull, Ferrier and Tait.

Reserves.—Parnaby, Dignan, Gordon and Fraser.

QUARTER-FINAL BADMINTON

Eardley And Eardley Have Easy Match In Mixed Doubles

SEVERAL PLAYERS entered the semi-finals of the Colony Badminton Championships as a result of matches played last night at both Taikoo and King's College. H. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley, former Shanghai mixed doubles champions, beat D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson 15-12, 15-0 to enter the mixed doubles semi-final; M. A. Silva and M. A. Oliveira beat A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blythe 15-11, 15-9 to enter the semi-finals of the men's doubles, and N. L. Smith accounted for K. L. Lui 15-0, 15-11 and entered the semi-finals of the Junior Singles championship.

The only other game was at King's College, where C. Au and P. H. Wong beat R. Marques and H. F. Gonsalves 15-7, 15-2 in a first round match of the doubles.

The best game of all was the doubles game, Silva and Oliveira v. Fisher and Wynter-Blythe, at Taikoo. The winners, who are Recreio's strongest pair in the tournament, formed a brilliant combination. Silva was particularly fine at the net, and his cleverly concealed drop shots gained many points. Oliveira was an accurate and energetic partner.

Wynter-Blythe was the better of the two losers, and was most adept at returning hard smashes from any angle. Fisher, on the other hand, was rather weak with his back-hand, and dropped several points with feeble returns.

The scores were never steady, and were in continual fluctuation. At the critical moments, however, the Recreio pair became the steadier and were thus able to clinch the games.

EASIER GAMES

IN NONE of the other games could the winners be said to have been extended. The mixed doubles combination of H. and Miss Eardley showed a noticeable slackening in the first set when leading 11-3, and as a consequence their opponents crept up to 12 before the game ended. There was never any doubt in the second game.

C. Au and Patrick H. Wong, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. pair, also had a comparatively easy match against Marques and Gonsalves. At no time were they extended.

In the junior match, N. L. Smith, favourite for the title, was far superior with his all-round form. Lui, his opponent, was almost run off his feet, and his short returns were disastrous for himself.

Open Doubles Match On Friday

The remaining first round match in the Colony Open Badminton doubles championship, K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew v. H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung, will be played off at King's College on Friday, March 22, at 2 College on Friday, March 22, at 8 p.m.

GRAND NATIONAL STARTERS AND CALL-OVER

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The following are the probable starters and jockeys for the Grand National Steeplechase, which will be held at Aintree, Liverpool, on April 5.

Royal Mail (Williams); Royal Danieli (Moore); Professor II (Owen); The Uplifer (Danny Morgan); Dunhill Castle (Parvin); Rockquilin (Carey); Workman (Hyde); Blackhawk (Rimell); Kilstar (Archibald); Red Eagle (Elder); Dominick's Cross (Mitchell); Away (Coleman); Timber Wolf (Nicholson); Hillhead Prince (Wilson); Macmoffat (Alder); John Chinaman (Magee); Milano (M. Jones); Knightsbrook (Moloney); Venturesome Knight (Mr. Tweedie); Litigant (Mr. Black); Le Cygne (O'Grady); Symaethis (Feakes); Inversible (Hogan); Bogskar (Foley); Boyo (Taylor); National Night (H. Jones); Takvor Pacha (Major Prio Palmer); Cornlaw (Myles); Luxborough (no jockey); Lazy Boots (Ward); Prime (Mr. Marsh); Cordite I (Morgan); Under Bid (Bissill); Bachelor Prince (no jockey); Downright (Capt. Seeley); Tuck Mill (Kelly); Gold Arrow (Lay); Second Act (Doweswell); Red Freeman (Redmond); Sterling Duke (Brogan).

Airgeadsios will be scratched, and Chesterton, Ballyfox, and Young Mischief are doubtful starters.

Latest Call-Over

Following is the latest call-over Kilstar 15 to 2 o; Professor II 100 to 9 o, 12 to 1 t., Royal Danieli 100 to 7., Sterling Duke 20 to 1 o., Venturesome Knight 33 to 1 t and o., Inversible 33 to 1 o.

Lincolnshire Probable Starters

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Following are the probable starters and jockeys for the Lincolnshire Handicap, which will be run on April 3 over a mile.

Golden Sovereign (Beary); Hotbun II (San Wragg); Broompsa-Daisy (Nevett); Wonersh (Weston); Titan (E. Smith); Quartier Maitre (Gordon Richards); Southport (Lowrey); Floretti (Lane); Paul Beg (Gunn); Davy Dolittle (A. Furns); Squadron Castle (Dyson); Aldine (Richardson) Reynards Lodge (Wells); Mr. Snodgrass (Bevans); Rose Town (D. Smith); Ticca Gari (Tucker); Uncle Archie (Mullins); Punt Gun (Dick); Hamae (Sharpe); Bannymede (Nicholl). The following probables are without jockeys.—Time Step, Nagor, Elinca, Corena. Doubtful starters are Fast Step, Fairfax, King's Gup, Spliced and Straight Four.

Call-Over

Following is the latest call-over for the Lincolnshire.—Quartier Maitre 7 to 1 o, 15 to 2 t., Titan 15 to 2 o, 8 to 1 t., Time Sep 100 to 8., Wonersh 100 to 7., Aldine 100 to 6., Southport 25 to 1 o.

Y. M. C. A. Hockey Team

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. Hockey team against the Khalsa Association on the "Y" ground to-morrow at 5 p.m.:

Colledge; Jordan and Tomlinson; Smits, McLellan and Waldron; A. N. Other, White, Pennington, Elsly and Highlands.

St. Paul's College Athletic Meet

The 31st annual athletic sports of St. Paul's College will be held on the South China A.A. ground, Caroline Hill, on March 29 from 1.30 to 6 p.m. Mrs. E. G. Stewart will distribute the prizes.

LA SALLE COLLEGE ATHLETIC MEETING

Several Seconds Clipped Of 800-Metre Records

SEVERAL SECONDS were taken off the Senior and Junior 800-metre records of La Salle College at their annual sports meeting which concluded yesterday on the College grounds. L. Silva was timed at 2 mins. 17 secs. for the Senior event, which time is four seconds better than the previous record set up by A. Ulrich in 1937, while B. Alonco clocked 2 mins. 27.5 secs. for the Junior event, bettering L. Xavier's 1938 record by no less than 10 seconds.

In the Individual Championships, L. Xavier won the Senior Cup, while A. Azevedo annexed the Junior Cup, presented by Ricci Hall. The Midgets Individual Championship was shared by L. Azevedo and E. Silva with 13 points.

At the conclusion of the Meet, Mr. L. G. Morgan, of the Education Department, distributed the prizes, at the same time congratulating the boys on their fine show under such improvised conditions.

THE RESULTS

The results were:

Scouts' Race (17th Kowloon Troop).—1, M. Ng and Hong Lau-chiu; 2, Kin Kun-[illegible].

Potato Race (Midget and Sub-midget).—1, J. Souza; 2, H. Melbye.

800 metres (Senior).—1, L. Silva; 2, F. Soares; 3, R. Remedios. Time.—2 mins. 17 secs. (Record).

800 metres (Junior).—1, B. Alonco; 2, G. Blone; 3, N. Xavier. Time.—2 mins. 27.5 secs. (Record).

Old Boys' Race (800 metres).—1, F. Gonsales; 2, A. Sequeira.

Teachers' Race (Egg and Spoon Race).—1, G. Lenz; 2, P. Ulrich.

1,500 metres (Senior).—1, L. Silva; 2, L. Xavier; 3, M. Chen. Time.—5 mins. 28 secs.

Obstacle Race (Midget and sub-midget).—1, J. Barton; 2, L. Sequeira.

Boarders' Race (Senior).—1, A. Gottsche; 2, M. Matute.

Inter-School Relay.—1, Wah Yan; 2, Queen's College.

Inter-class Relay (Junior).—1, Class 3A; 2, Class 4A.

Inter-class Relay (Senior).—1, Class 2A; 2, Matric; 3, Class 3A.

Inter-class Relay (Midget).—1, Class 6A; 2, Class 5A; 3, Class 7A.

Tug-of-war, Inter-class (Junior).—Won by Class 3A. Runners-up Class 4A.

Tug-of-war, Inter-class (Senior).—Won by 3B. Runners-up Matric.

Lawn Bowls Meeting

ASSOCIATION FINANCES SATISFACTORY

Seeding Suggested For The Championships

A COUNCIL MEETING of the Lawn Bowls Association was held in the Board Room of the "S. C. M. Post" yesterday, and it was arranged that the annual meeting of the Association be held in the same Board Room on Friday, March 29.

Dr. J. T. Smalley, President, presided and was supported by Mr. R. P. Phillips, Hon. Secretary and Mr. L. A. Gutierrez, Hon. Treasurer.

Explaining the balance sheet, Mr. Gutierrez said that last year's working showed a profit of $308, as against a loss of $181 the previous year.

[illegible] had been practically no changes in the income and expenditure accounts except that the entrance fees were slightly higher. The position of the Association was very healthy.

It was agreed that the accounts be presented at the annual meeting, subject to audit.

SEEDING SUGGESTION

A LETTER from Mr. B. W. Bradbury, who is on leave, concerning the seeding of certain players in the forthcoming championship this season, was read by the Secretary, and it was recommended that the letter be brought forward to the annual meeting.

A suggestion for a $50 donation to the Children's Playground Association will also be submitted to the annual meeting, as will also a proposal that the League Bowls be maintained.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 23rd and MONDAY, 25th March, 1940, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The First Bell will be rung at 12 Noon and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 per day for Gentlemen and $3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 10.45 a.m. on both days.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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Secretary.

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By Ernie Bushmiller



NAZIS PLAN 'SILENT TERROR' RAIDS

Spies' Rockets Guide Pilots in Test Glides Over Holland

By RALPH IZZARD, Daily Mail Correspondent
AMSTERDAM.

GERMANY is planning silent "terror by night" gliding raids on Britain, it is believed here, following arrests in connection with the coloured rocket signals seen at night from many points in Holland.

Nazi bomber pilots, one of the arrested men told the police, have been practising gliding flights over Holland nightly in preparation for these raids.

The rockets—and searchlights of tremendous power, according to one source—have been used to guide the pilots.

They have found that after cutting out their engines at 30,000ft. over Germany they can then glide right across Holland and out over the North Sea.

Thus sound detectors here are defied, and no early warning could be got through to Britain.

These tactics were used by General Franco in the Spanish Civil War.

Activity of the rocket signallers has greatly increased in the past few days owing to the better weather conditions, and the police, the Secret Service, and military authorities are co-operating in a nation-wide hunt.

From Eight Villages

Signals were again seen last night at many points over Brabant and near Tilburg. A.R.P. wardens have seen searchlight signals coming from eight separate villages.

For any such proposed raids on Britain the signallers would have to be stationed near the coast. So far they have been seen mostly in Central Holland.

The signals are believed to have been used not only as direction indicators but as a guide to weather conditions over the North Sea, the Channel, and Britain.

? au-Lait

IT looks like coffee, it tastes like coffee, it smells like coffee, it has the same stimulating effect, but—

Germany's latest "ersatz" product is not coffee.

It is a purely chemical production. And it contains artificial caffeine!

Supplies of the new "coffee" have already been issued to the forces. The public will have to suffer it next month.

Lost in Forest, Lived Two Months

Daily Express Correspondent
ST. JOHNS (Newfoundland).

AFTER living for two months on such food as they could find or trap, three Canadian airmen, forced down in wild Labrador, abandoned hope of being found. In their tent they wrote notes to their families, and then waited for death.

Their bodies, their pathetic last notes, were found yesterday by an operator of the Hopedale Marconi Station, only forty miles from the camp, who was on a hunting trip.

First things he found in the tent were a small box and an envelope across which was scrawled "To the finder."

Inside was a wad of notes—180 Canadian dollars (£36)—and a letter which said:—

"This 180 dollars belongs to you. Go at once and report to the Government that plane C.F.B.N.D., lost en route to North-West River on September 14, rests safely on the edge of a large lake two miles north-west of here.

"Be sure to report this at once, and any expenses will be paid to you.

"Then come back immediately and guard our bodies.

"Please keep the box safely. It contains letters to our families.

"Do this Christian work for the sake of our families.

(Signed) J. C. Cote.
G. H. Davidson.
Joseph Fleceau.

November 20, 1939."

The three men set out in a Government plane last September from Mosie River, Quebec, to survey the timber district around the North-West River.

They vanished, and dozens of planes searched in vain for any sign of them or their machine.

The place where the plane was found indicates that the fliers lost their way in bad weather.

They landed perfectly, for their plane was in good order, but in a district so thickly wooded that they could not take off again.

So remote is the spot that the box of letters is unlikely to reach Quebec before May, as overland transport is almost impossible, and the waters round the coast will be frozen for at least a month yet.

SIAMESE TWINS HAVE A BABY

THEY took twenty-six German midgets off a ship in the Atlantic, the other day, and the French cruiser brought them to France, the oddest bag of war prisoners so far.

Not knowing quite how to handle the party—who had, by the way, been appearing in a sideshow at the New York World's Fair—the French authorities decided to send home the married midgets.

And when they came to sort them out they found no fewer than sixteen of the little folk were married.

This is not so surprising as you might think, because circus freaks and sideshow wonders marry and have children in a remarkably high proportion.

The other day, when the showmen of Britain had their annual now-wow in London, they were telling stories of the marriages and romances of sideshow freaks. Here are some—

Twins—Circus Sensation!

Did you know that a pair of Siamese twins had a baby?

Rosa and Josepha Biatzek were joined-together-twins, in Prague, thirty years ago. They appeared in a sideshow, but never attracted much attention.

Then romance came along and one day the Siamese twins were rushed off to a hospital, where the one named Josepha gave birth to a boy.

The father was a carpenter.

After this astonishing event, of course, the twins, their baby and the father, presented as a combined attraction, became the circus sensation of Europe.

Crowds flocked to see the exhibition, and speculate on the private life of this amazing family.

Finally, the proud father became a bit too proud, and hogged the applause so much that he had to be removed from the show, leaving the twins and "their" baby to enjoy all the limelight.

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THERE is never a shortage of marriage partners for circus freaks, and the human oddities do not, by any means, always marry people of their own kind.

There was a woman in Ringling's Circus who was billed as the Ugliest Woman In The World.

It was a true billing by all accounts. But this lady married a normal man and had three children.

Ringling's also had a sideshow star called The Living Skeleton. His real name was Peter Robinson, and his weight was three stone six pounds.

The Skeleton made a typical circus marriage, his bride being Helen The Fat Lady.

She weighed ten times as much as her husband, and tipped the beam at just over thirty-two stone.

The Ringling outfit married these two off in tremendous style at Madison Square Garden, New York. It was a heaven-sent publicity stunt, of course, but the marriage was a genuine love romance, and the oddly assorted couple have lived happily together for fifteen years.

One of the most astounding circus freaks was the four-legged, two-bodies woman. Her name was Myrtle Corbin, and she came from Texas.

Myrtle was a sensational hit in the circus sideshows for years. Then she married and had five children.

This presented rather a difficult legal problem, and Myrtle's family was described as "five heirs of her bodies." There were two from one and three from the other.

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SHOWMEN and circus bosses have used the wedding of their human freaks as a publicity idea for years, and they have coupled up all their attractions at one time or another.

But lots of these curious romances are very real and genuine, sometimes tragically so.

It was the midget leader of a midget orchestra in Chicago who caused a riot in a night club when he pulled a gun and began shooting because the Mexican fan dancer had jilted him.

Not long ago a circus star called The Indiarubber Man committed suicide because his love affair went wrong.

He was in love with the show's Tattooed Lady, but she did not reciprocate.

The Indiarubber Man had the astonishing ability of stretching himself.

He could stretch his height by seven inches and his arm-reach by ten inches in front of your very eyes.

Annoying the Tattooed Lady!

The circus showmen used to line him up on a platform with the Fat Woman and the Tattooed Lady, and the crowds rolled up to see the fun.

One particular gag they liked was when the Indiarubber Man stretched his arm out to its fullest extent, rather like one of those expanding telephone arms, and, passing it right round the back of the Fat Woman, touched the Tattooed Lady on the shoulder.

This trick, however, annoyed the Tattooed Lady, and she cold-shouldered the Indiarubber Man, whose advances to her were repeatedly snubbed.

Finally he took it very much to heart, became depressed and melancholy, and in the end committed suicide.

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SIDESHOW and fairground freaks, especially women, never lack suitors, provided they are top-liners, earning good money.

Bearded ladies, three-legged girls, tattooed girls, can be sure of men with matrimonial intentions, even if these are not always love matches.

Real freak marriages in the circus business usually turn out very well.

Freaks are happy in the company of fellow-freaks; they do not feel strange or isolated as they do among normal people.

In fact, after some years of the sideshow life, freaks are apt to look upon the rest of the outside world as abnormal!

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What do circus freaks think of each other? There are often astonishing friendships among them, but they have a certain professional condescension towards each other!

Four sideshow buddies have Spider Boy Bulson, and Sayman, the Armless Wonder, both in the same pleasure park.

Spider Boy, with crippled legs, used only his hands for walking and all activities.

Sayman had no arms, and his legs performed astonishing functions.

Spider Boy did an act in the show, driving a motor-car with special equipment, using his hands only.

The Armless Wonder also drove a specially-built car with his legs.

Each one took for granted his own dexterity as a driver. It was a matter of course.

But they would point out each other to visitors and say, "Isn't it incredible? That chap can drive a car!"

Spider Boy Bulson is an astonishing character. He developed amazing strength in his teeth and jaws. He once lifted a car weighing 3,850lb. in his teeth!

It was Spider Boy who "doubled" for Lon Chaney in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" in Hollywood.

Convoy System Beats The Nazi U-Boats

OUT of 10,782 British, Allied and neutral vessels convoyed in the first six months of war, only 25 ships have been lost.

Among the 1,075 neutral ships which have been convoyed, only two have been lost.

So the current rate is 430 to 1 against a British ship in convoy being sunk and 537½ to 1 against a neutral ship suffering.

Giving these figures, the Admiralty commented: "There is little wonder that neutral shipping shows an increasing desire to join the British convoys."

It was also disclosed that only one of the six Nazi ships which made a dash from Vigo, Northern Spain, a fortnight ago, to try to reach home with precious cargoes, managed to get there.

Three were captured, one scuttled herself and one was wrecked at the northern end of the Norwegian territorial corridor.

Four German ships had scuttled themselves to avoid capture—Wolfburg, 6,201 tons; Heidelberg, 6,530 tons; Troja, 2,390 tons; and Arucas, 3,360 tons.

The Arucas, which carried a valuable cargo of mercury, was the last of the six German ships to leave Vigo.

In addition to two British ships lost by enemy action during the week ended Sunday midnight, one Allied ship of 5,301 tons was sunk and five neutral ships, representing 13,954 tons.

Many Now Ships

Total losses during the week were eight British, Allied and neutral vessels of 21,231 tons—less than half the average tonnage lost each week since the outbreak of war.

The two British ships lost were Albano (1,176 tons) and Cato (710 tons), making the British losses the exceptionally low figure of 1,886 tons. The Allied ship was the P.L.M. 25.

£1 REWARD FOR A WHALE

BEACHCOMBERS were recently searching the banks of the Mersey following an announcement that £1 would be paid for the skull of the whale recently stranded on a sandbank off Widnes. The skull is wanted for the British Museum.

78 Names In R.A.F. Casualty List

THERE are 78 names in the seventeenth R.A.F. casualty list.

Killed "in action" means while fighting; killed "on active service" covers those two died from other causes, including crashes and other accidents in our own territory. The names are:

Killed in Action

HARRIS, 537545, A.C., 1st Cl., P. B.
HARVEY, 580542, Sergt., V.
HOLLEY, 515110, Act. Sergt., T. W.
JOB, 567002, Leading A.C., J.
MARTIN, 540304, A.C., 1st Cl., W.
PAM, 40422, Act. Flt. Lieut., V. M. P.
PEARSON, 37983, Flying Off., H. B. M.
PENNELL, 580304, Sergt., F. M.
ROOK, 527377, A.C., 1st Cl., F. H.
SABIN, 580175, Sergt., L. J.

Previously Reported "Killed on Active Service," Now Reported "Killed in Action"

HETHERINGTON 39026, Act. Fl. Lt., E. J.

Previously Reported "Missing," Now Reported "Killed in Action"

ANTHONY, 534149, A.C., 1st Cl., J.
BURROWS, 539033, A.C., 1st Cl., J. S.
CAMERON, 34225, Act. Wg. Cmdr., I. McL.
CHEVLIN, 564130, Sergt., E. H.
HAMMOND, 562535 Sergt., T. C.
TAYLOR, 533006, Cpl., F. J.
WILSON, 538736, A.C., 1st Cl., C.

Wounded in Action

KEMP, 551263, A.C., 1st Cl., F. S.

Missing, Believed Killed in Action

ATKINS, 580817, Act. Sergt., W. J.
ANTELL, 564245, Sergt., W. F.
BALLANTYNE, 580740, Act. Sergt., R.
BRAM, 580708, Act. Sergt., D. T.
BROWN, 551008, Leading A.C., A. A.
BULLOCH, 37788, Flying Off., H. L. McL.
CALDWELL, 564605, Sergt., C. D.
CARR, 534563, Leading A.C., R. T.
CORRY, 521647, Cpl., E.
DOWNEY, 561103, Flt. Sergt., W. H.
GOODWIN, 564690, Act. Sergt., F. G.
GRIGG, 528670, Leading A.C., W.
GROVE, 629102, A.C., 2nd Cl., D. H.
HAMMOND, 580734, Sergt., R. R.
HUNTER, 523430, Cpl., T.
KIRKNESS, 565769, Sergt., D. J.
LINES, 70892, Pilot Officer, F. N.
SINTON, 517070, Leading A.C., J. H.
TREWBY, 39622, Flying Officer, J. P.

Missing

APPLEBY, 34227, Flt. Lieut., T. G. W.
BARSTOW, 550710, Leading A.C., J. A.
BEER, 41364, Pilot Off., J. D.
BOURNE, 40882, Pilot Off., A. H. R.
BROWN, 70704, Pilot Off., W. S. F.
CHALLES, 39041, Flying Off., J. T. I.
COX, 566740, Leading A.C., G. E.
DICKIE, 566700, Leading A.C., A. M.
ENGLISH, 534075, Sergt., T. H.
FEARNSIDE, 563436, Flight Sergt., A. K.
FINNIGAN, 547074, A.C., 1st Cl., T.
JONES, 540554, A.C., 1st Cl., P. T.
LANE, 541531, Leading A.C., A. W. W.
LEIGHTON, 547702, A.C., 2nd Cl., I. D.
LEWIS, 40034, Flying Off., O. J. T.
LOWE, 540706, Leading A.C., E.
LOWEY, 619235, A.C., 2nd Cl., W. T.
MACDONALD, 39176, Pilot Off., A. J.
NORRIS, 580031, Act. Sergt., A. R.
RADCLIFFE, 41063, Pilot Off., M.
RICHARDSON, 564063, Sergt., V. H. G.
ROSS, 41070, Pilot Off., H. M.
SHEPPARD, 580702, Acting Sergt., L. A.

Killed on Active Service

BAILEY, 741799, Sergt., B. P.
COE, 565660, Sergt., A.
HILL, 42220, Pilot Off., E. A. C.
LAWSON, 537795, Leading A.C., A.
LEWIS, 40401, Pilot Off., T. S.
ROBINSON, 76171, Pilot Off., C. N.
SMITH, 620008, A.C., 2nd Cl., S. H.
WATKINS, 741568, Sergt., T.

Missing Believed Killed on Active Service

GORMLAY, 543090, A.C., 2nd Cl., H. O. W.

Died on Active Service

BARRETT, 3208?2, A.C., 2nd Cl., W.
KEILLER, 563152, Sergt., C.
MITCHISON, 543380, A.C., 1st Cl., W. C.
McINNES, 85063, A.C., 1st Cl., A.
McQUADE, 623830, A.C., 2nd Cl., R.
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WALTON, 202120, A.C., 2nd Cl., J. W.
WRIGHT, 535068, A.C., 2nd Cl., W.

Correction to Communique No. 12

For "HARRISON, 580491, Acting Sergt., R. L." read HARRISON, 580491, Sergt.

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German Decree for Stocks Of Metal

Berlin, Mar. 19.

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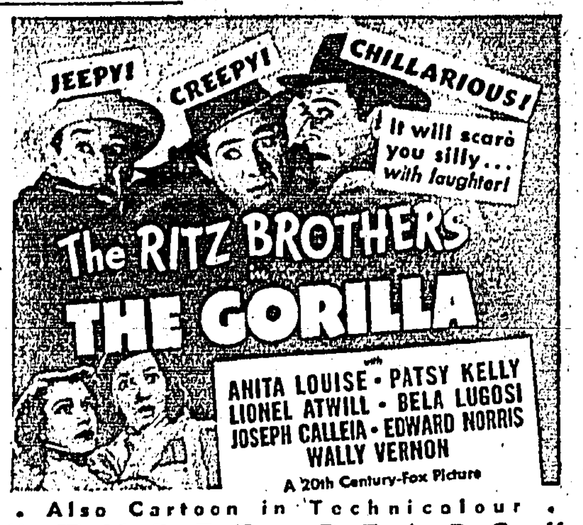
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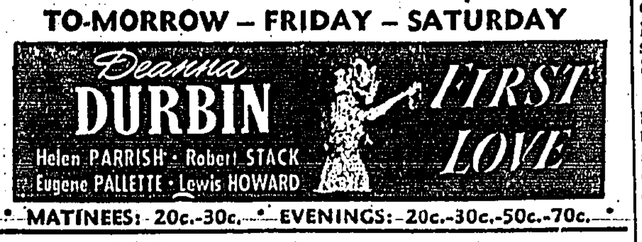
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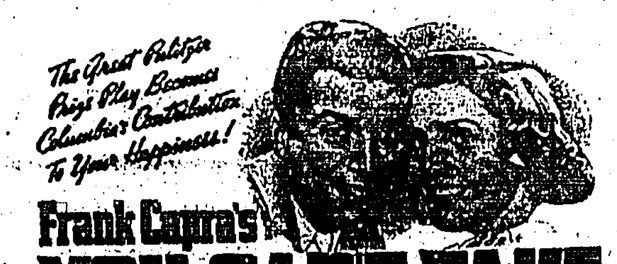
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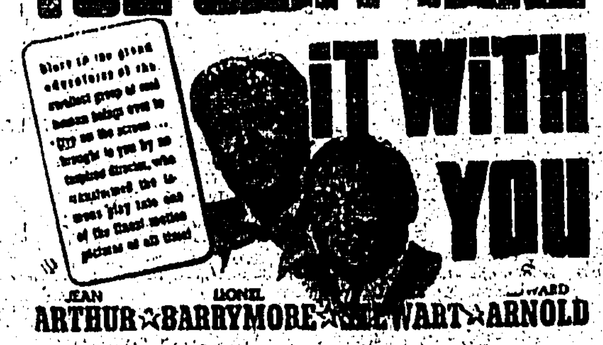
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WIFE AND MAN GIVE LIVES FOR BOY

IN trying to rescue a boy who fell into a reservoir at Fagley Woods, Bradford, Mrs. Gath, thirty-two of Norbury-road, Bradford, and Mr. Bewell, of Ranelagh-avenue, Bradford, lost their lives.

The boy, Leslie Harvey, of Hatton-terrace, Eccleshill, was also drowned.

A thirteen-year-old girl, Joan Cartwright, of Hall-road, Bradford, went to his rescue.

Then Mr. Bewell and Mrs. Gath tried to save the boy and girl. They, too, fell into thirty feet of water.

Edward McLoughlin, aged fifteen, and Thomas Ward, both of Ranelagh-avenue, tried to assist.

Ward tied a rope to a pole and pushed it along to Mrs. Gath. She failed to hold it.

McLoughlin succeeded in rescuing Joan Cartwright.

Fell In

Maureen Gath, nine-year-old daughter of the dead woman, said: "I was playing with ten other children when Leslie Harvey fell in.

"Joan Cartwright went to Leslie's aid and cries of the children attracted Mr. Bewell, who ran to the side and dived in. As he approached Leslie he went under.

"Then I saw mother come rushing towards the dam, and, although she is a non-swimmer, she went in and tried to reach Leslie. Mr. Bewell had then disappeared."

Mrs. Gath's husband is believed to be on active service in the Army.

Harvey's father stood on the bank of the reservoir assisting in the rescue operations, while Mrs. Bewell watched for a time from her garden near by.

2000 Scientists Can Find No Work in War

MOSQUITO EXPERT DUSTS BOOKS

MORE than 2000 British scientists, whose skill and knowledge could be of great use in the country's war effort, are unemployed, it is revealed by the secretary of the Association of Scientific Workers.

Many scientists whose research laboratories were closed down at the beginning of the war have been absorbed into various Government departments, but in a number of cases have been given purely administrative positions, in which their specialised experience is not needed.

The secretary of the association said: "Our chief criticism is that many of the laboratories which have been closed down were concentrating on improving nutritive values of foodstuffs, which is even more valuable in war-time than in peace.

Outstanding Authority

"There would have been far less difficulty regarding food rationing and agricultural planning if the scientific viewpoint had been considered more."

As I turned to leave the Bedford-row headquarters of the association I saw a man dusting copies of scientific publications.

"Although in his early thirties, he is one of the outstanding authorities on combating the spread of the mosquito pest. He had been unemployed since war began.

COULD "GINGER" UP WAR

DISCUSSING the possibility of the appointment of a British Minister of Defence, with unified control of the Services, the Springfield Republican writes:

"Such an arrangement would be more compact and probably more efficient than keeping the Navy, Army, and Air Force separate, with a fourth Minister for their co-ordination.

"If a post of this kind is to be created, Mr. Churchill is the obvious choice, whatever may be said about his principles. His appointment as General-Director of operations by sea, by land, and by air would unquestionably ginger up the war."

ANOTHER SAMPLE OF RED WRATH



Direct hit scored on an apartment house in Helsingfors ripped the structure from top to bottom. The hit was by a bomb dropped from a Russian plane, during one of many air attacks. Volunteers search for victims.

BERLIN ADMITS 32 U-BOATS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED

By DAVID WOODWARD
News Chronicle Special Correspondent
AMSTERDAM.

GERMAN Admiralty officials have recently admitted that 32 U-boats are now so long overdue that they must be considered as lost.

As some of the boats are out up to eight weeks before being officially counted as overdue, it is clear that this total does not represent anything like the full extent of German submarine losses.

What it does represent, however, is approximately three-quarters of the total number of boats with which Germany started the war, for according to the semi-official Prussian book "Taschenbuch—Der—Kriegsflotten" the Reich on September 1 had 43 submarines.

Since then about 50 of the German submarines building when the war began have been completed, while the last eight laid down under the 1939 programme are expected to be ready during February or March.

99 Building

Two Boats understood to bear the Nos. U 100 and U 101, laid down for the Yugo-Slav Navy before the outbreak of hostilities, are also expected to be finished soon.

By the end of February all 99 of the German submarines known to have been building when the war broke out should be at sea. Estimating losses since the German figure of 32 missing boats was compiled, it would seem most unlikely that the Germans would have more than 60 boats then available.

As a submarine spends only about one-third of her time on war stations, owing to the need to return home for fuel and repairs, this leaves only 20 boats available for warfare against British and neutral shipping, a total which has been admitted by the Germans to be quite inadequate.

Nazis Act While Dictators Talk

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—While Mussolini and Hitler were talking together at Brenner Pass Nazi sea warfare was busy sinking another neutral ship.

She was an Italian collier, the Tina Primo of 5,000 tons. The ship was broken in two by an explosion off the coast of England. One of her crew died and several others are in hospital.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

Business was on a restricted scale. One reason for this would appear to be that sellers are not disposed to lower their prices. This is well borne out by the prices paid for such transactions as recorded during the day.

Buyers

Docks $23
Providents $5.20
Realties $4.93
Tramways $18
Star Ferries $071½
China Lights (Old) $8.20
China Lights (New) $5.49
Electrics $08¾
Entertainments $7.40

Sellers

Docks $23½
Hotels $5¾
Lands $38
Tramways $18.20
Yaumati Ferries $27½
Telephones (Old) $30½
Ropes $6.05

Sales

H.K. Bank $1,500
Fire Insurances $187½
Wharves $108
Docks $23¼
Providents $5¼
Lands $38
Realties $5
Tramways $18.10
Star Ferries $68
China Lights (Old) $8.30/.35
Telephones (Old) $30¼
Cements $19.80
Ropes $6
Dairy Farms (Old) $23.10

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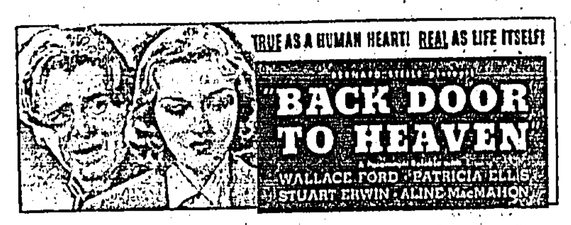
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Harpist To Give Recital In Colony

The public will have the opportunity of hearing two artists new to Hongkong at the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel at 9.15 p.m. on Thursday, March 28. They are Solange Renie (Mde. J. Siguret), harpist, and Angelika Meesler-Steinschneider, mezzo-soprano. Mr. J. R. M. Smith is prevented by illness from conducting the string orchestra, which will now be under the direction of Professor N. A. Tonoff.

Solange Renie is the niece and pupil of the famous French harpist, Henriette Renie, one movement of whose harp concerts she will play with the orchestra. She will also play with the orchestra Debussy's Dance Sacree and Dance Profane and in addition two groups of harp solos.

Solange Renie studied at the Conservatoire de Paris, and was one of the members of the Renie Septette where she took the place of Grandjany on his departure for America. Since coming to the Far East (where her husband is in the French Consular Service) she has given many successful concerts in Shanghai, Singapore, Tientsin and Japan, and recently was invited by Mde. M. Quezon, wife of the President of the Philippines, to give private concerts for her. Solange Renie will also give a short radio broadcast on March 21.

In addition, Angelika Meesler-Steinschneider, mezzo-soprano from the Vienna Opera, will contribute two groups of songs.

The concert is being arranged by the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China and the proceeds will be used for the Kweiyang Orthopaedic Hospital for wounded and disabled soldiers and civilians. Tickets, at $2 each, may be obtained from the office of the Foreign Auxiliary, Gloucester Building, First Floor, Room 3, or the Anderson Music Company.

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R.A.F. Rain Bombs On Sylt In Dramatic All-Night Vengeance Attack

AMMUNITION DUMP AT HORNUM BLOWN UP: RECKLESS PILOTS

By REUEL S. MOORE
UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, MAR. 20 (UP).—BRITAIN TOOK SWIFT VENGEANCE LAST NIGHT FOR THE NAZI RAID ON THE ORKNEY ISLANDS.

IN THE GREATEST AIR RAID OF THE WAR, PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST SUSTAINED THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN, R.A.F. BOMBERS RAINED A NIGHT-LONG STREAM OF BOMBS ON GERMANY'S ISLAND FORTRESS OF SYLT.

WAVE AFTER WAVE OF BRITISH PLANES RELENTLESSLY ROARED OVER THE GERMAN BASE IN ATTACKS WHICH, COMMENCING SHORTLY AFTER DUSK, WERE MAINTAINED ALMOST UNTIL DAWN.

Salvo after salvo of giant 1,000lb. bombs were released as the squadrons of Wellington and Wellesley bombers power-dived from the night sky to within a thousand feet of their objectives, their pilots showing a reckless disregard for the intense anti-aircraft fire to which they were subjected.

HOLLAND HEARS 82 EXPLOSIONS

The attack was easily the longest any belligerent has launched in wartime, and it was not until the early hours of the morning that the last British machine returned to its base "somewhere in England."

At least 82 explosions were audible in Holland.

One bomb is believed to have exploded a huge munitions dump, for reports from observers in neutral territory tell of a terrific explosion followed by a huge fire, the flames and smoke of which reached high into the sky.

MUNITION DUMP BLOWN UP

The brunt of the attack was borne by the Nazi air base at Hornum. It is from here that the Germans launched their attack on the Orkneys, and from which they launched their attack on British and neutral shipping.

It is almost certain that Hornum has sustained heavy damage.

The munition dump was apparently exploded by one of the first ten bombs dropped in a midnight raid.

The explosion of the bombs was followed by a terrific blast which was audible in Holland 38 miles away.

First indication that a heavy British raid was in progress was conveyed to an electrified House of Commons shortly after 9 p.m., when Sir Kingsley Wood, the Minister for Air, reported the receipt of radio messages from the leader of one of the British squadrons, reporting that he was about to attack.

CONTINUES ATTACKS ALL NIGHT

Thereafter, the British planes flew over in a continuous stream of squadrons at between half-hour and fifty minute intervals.

The last raid was completed shortly before 3 a.m.

The Air Ministry was in constant radio communication with the British squadrons. Messages were flashed in code to the Air Ministry and were instantly rushed to the Premier, Mr. Chamberlain, who permitted them to be broadcast to the public while the raid was continuing.

This running commentary on an air raid is unprecedented in the history of warfare.

FAST ACTION BY R.A.F. PILOTS

Meanwhile, from Roemoe and other nearby Dutch cities, news correspondents were flashing half-hourly reports of further British attacks.

The "Exchange Telegraph's" Correspondent at Roemoe said that the raids commenced at 8.15 p.m., when two R.A.F. machines, flying at a low altitude, crossed the Sylt and dropped eight bombs on the northern point of the island. The British machines had disappeared before the Germans could even bring their Air Raid sirens into action.

VIOLENT EXPLOSIONS HEARD

The Germans were prepared for the next R.A.F. squadron, which ran into a barrage of searchlights and A.A. shrapnel. This squadron came over at 8.20 p.m., dropping its bombs on the northern part of the island.

Simultaneously, heavy firing was heard from the direction of Heligoland Bight, and many bombs were seen exploding on Hornum, at the southern point of the island, and on the Hindenburg Dam, which connects Sylt with the mainland.

The detonation of a single bomb was heard at 8.40 p.m., and a few minutes later there was a violent explosion followed by a brilliant flash which lit up the whole island.

WALL OF FIRE ACROSS ISLAND

The terrific explosion, which broke windows 38 miles away, was followed by a

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French Shock Troops Go Into Action On Western Front

FIGHTING BREAKS OUT ACROSS THE RHINE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 19 (UP).—FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR, FIGHTING OCCURRED ACROSS THE RHINE RIVER TO-DAY, WHEN FRENCH TROOPS OPENED MACHINE GUN ATTACKS ON THE GERMANS ENTRENCHED ON THE EASTERN BANK.

This admission was made in the D.N.B. official report of to-day's activity.

French shock troops were also observed on reconnaissance in considerable force.

The Nazi report adds that weak French artillery fire occurred at the usual points in front of the Siegfried Line (the first time the Nazis have mentioned their "West Wall" as being the object of French artillery fire).

No Man's Land Scouting

"At some points the enemy artillery fire was answered," the communique adds.

"Mutual scouting activity developed in No Man's Land, and enemy patrols were forced to return without completing their task.

"The weather permitted very little aerial activity."

The reported fighting along the banks of the Rhine River occurred in the Upper Rhine area.

DUPONT HEIRESS INJURED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Mar. 19 (UP).—Mrs. Ethel Dupont Roosevelt, co-heiress to the Dupont munitions millions and wife of President Roosevelt's third son, Franklin Delano Jr., suffered a pelvic fracture to-day when she fell from her horse.

She was unconscious when she was picked up.

Mrs. Roosevelt was immediately rushed to hospital where her condition to-night was reported as not being serious.

She is the daughter of Mr. Eugene du Pont. She was married in 1937 and has one son, Franklin D. Roosevelt III.

Big Tests By U.S. Navy

Lessons Of Current War To Be Learned

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ABOARD U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA AT SEA, Mar. 19 (UP).—Twenty-one giant American warships are expected to converge on the Hawaiian Islands during the current manoeuvres. Many will voyage further west towards Guam.

It is reliably stated that the manoeuvres are to test developments in naval warfare as affected by the present European War.

Five Important Tests

The Graf Spee drama off Montevideo, which upset many pre-war notions held, apparently, by all Admiralties except the British, will be one of the fundamental developments which will be the subject of test in the current manoeuvres. Other subjects will include:

1.—Vulnerability of land-locked naval bases to undersea craft, a question that has been changed by the ease with which a Nazi U-Boat entered Scapa Flow and British submarines entered the Sylt area;

2.—Effectiveness of mines and torpedoes on armoured warships;

3.—Effectiveness of A.A. defence aboard warships;

4.—Value of the convoy system against air raids.

Yangtse Reopening: New Promise

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NANKING, Mar. 20 (Domei).—An assurance that the Yangtse River would be re-opened to third Power shipping as soon as possible was given last night by General Nishio, Supreme Commander of the Japanese Forces in China, in an interview with Mr. H. H. Thomas, British Consul at Shanghai, and Mr. E. F. Stanton, U. S. Consul at Nanking.

Various hazards still existed along the river, however, he claimed.

Calm Day On The Western Front

PARIS, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—To-day's communique says that there was a calm day on the whole front.

West of the Saar a German reconnaissance party fell into one of our ambushes and suffered fairly serious losses.

NOW YOU KNOW

French—"shock—troops"—were observed in No Man's Land yesterday. What are shock troops?

The War Office do not recognise the existence of shock troops as such; technically speaking, there is no such thing.

But, especially as far as the German Army is concerned, shock troops are taken to mean specially picked troops of excellent physique—good tough soldiers. They do not man the front line, but are kept in positions a little to the rear until they are needed for a vigorous attack. When they have done their job of work they are withdrawn behind the lines again.

Nazism Like A Ghastly Disease

Outspoken Speech By Mr. Paul McNutt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 19 (UP).—National Socialism, as it exists to-day in Germany, is a ghastly disease like typhoid."

"The germs, like the Germans, are always with us. But we Americans can protect ourselves if we know how to keep our resistance high."

America's Danger

This was part of a speech at the Women's Jewish Congress in New York to-day, by Mr. P. V. McNutt, former Governor General of the Philippines, currently Federal Security Administrator, and contender for Presidential honours at the forthcoming elections.

Mr. McNutt added that America was not greatly menaced by the danger of an invasion by the legions of Stalin or Hitler.

"Our danger lies in continuing along the road permitting the centralisation of control of business and finance until we are driven by poverty and despair to accept a dictator of our own," he said.

PARIS, Mar. 20 (UP).—A new reciprocal trade agreement has been concluded between Spain and Japan. It provides for the exchange of goods to the value of eight million Yen.

CONVOY SYSTEM BEATS U-BOATS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 19 (UP).—The convoy system has broken the back of Germany's U-Boat warfare, as it did in the last war.

The Admiralty announced to-day that the entire Allied and neutral merchant shipping losses as a result of submarine and mine action last week totalled only 23,992 tons. Almost all this tonnage was sunk by magnetic mines.

The ships comprised three British, two French and four neutral vessels.

Submarine Campaign Fails

Only four ships have been sunk by U-Boats since February 24. This is a clear indication that the Nazi submarine warfare has failed.

The opinion is now expressed in London that U-Boat losses have been so heavy that Germany has recalled all submarines, since there has been no attacks on shipping for some days now.

Despite the advantage enjoyed by Germany as a result of illegal methods of warfare such as mines and a "sink on sight" policy, and also by the fact that most of her shipping has been swept from the seas, Germany's losses last week exceeded those of Britain and France combined and were only 7,000 tons less than the combined losses of Allies and neutrals.

Germany's Losses

Among the German shipping casualties for the same week in which 23,992 tons of Allied and neutral ships were sunk, were the Hannover (5,537 tons), captured and taken to Kingston, Jamaica on March 13; the La Coruna (7,414 tons) scuttled by her own crew, and the Escherchelm (3,305 tons) scuttled off the coast of Jutland on March 13.

Mussolini's Assurance

No Demands While War Is Localised

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VATICAN CITY, Mar. 19 (UP).—Responsible Vatican quarters revealed to-day that Mr. Sumner Welles had informed His Holiness the Pope that he had received an assurance from Signor Mussolini that Italian revisionist demands would not be advanced as long as the present European conflict remained localised.

The Pope is reported to have assured Mr. Welles that, in his opinion, Signor Mussolini's assurance merited absolute faith.

Pope's Opinion

Mr. Welles is believed to have expressed the opinion that the conflict can be limited to its present bounds.

The Pope is believed to have informed Mr. Welles, on the basis of diplomatic information reaching the Holy See, that Rumania appears at present to be heading towards a secure neutrality; that Yugo-Slavia is also secure and that Germany is showing great interest in persuading Soviet Russia to maintain peace in the Balkans.

NAZIS CAN'T FOOL DUTCH

Reject Explanation Of Sea Warfare

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Nazi attempts to justify the German methods of sea warfare have been rejected by the Netherlands liberal newspaper "Nieuwe Rotherdamsche Courmant."

The paper declares that on a number of points the neutrals have formed their own opinion, an opinion which differs considerably from the German standpoint.

It is not only according to British reports that Dutch crews have been shot at and Dutch ships sunk, says the paper.

Nearly the whole of the German procedure against the Dutch ships has aroused indignation in Holland.

Soviet Ratifies Peace Treaty

LONDON, Mar. 20 (UP).—The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet has ratified the Russo-Finnish Peace Treaty.

LATEST

Eyewitness Account Of Raids

"I saw one R.A.F. bomber, apparently crippled, flying low out to sea, but it was not pursued.

"At 8.45 p.m. another attack was launched on Hornum and I heard the detonation of ten bombs.

"Following several other distinct attacks, another wave of British machines came from the north and dropped bombs on List and on Hornum.

"The planes continued over the island and dropped two bombs on Vantum. Then one of the machines flew back to List and dropped another bomb. It was greeted with an amazing barrage of anti-aircraft fire, but was not hit.

"The next attack was launched at 11 p.m. We heard the roar of the British machines as they flew to their destination and then the thud of their bombs.

"All along the mainland people stood and watched the explosions, the resultant fires and the pyrotechnic display furnished by bombs, anti-aircraft shrapnel, star shells and searchlights.

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FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.

The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor.

The Inspector, 82 Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd. Floor.

The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.

The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

Around The Courses

(By "Birdie")

(Continued from Page 8.)

(I wonder if this is a bit of Einstein's theory of relativity; it is all relative).

Included in these complicated movements is the *transference of weight* from one foot to the other. Then there is the advice to hit against a braced left leg. What do these things imply? The first is the bringing of the body into the shot, and the second is the checking of that force so as not to take one completely off one's feet.

Mind you, the wrists must have that certain strengh in order to hold the club firm at the speed with which it is hitting the ball, but they have no great rebound to counteract—the momentum of the club-head does the very greater proportion of the work in sending that ball on its journey—the wrists see to it that the club-head is travelling along the right path.

* * *

IN the iron shots, I grant, that the wrists do have a greater burden to carry. The arc of swing is not so full, and a greater "punch" has to be put into the shot with the arms and wrists. This is because the club is shorter and the swing is shorter. The speed of the club-head has to be generated over a much shorter distance. But the body work is still there—the transference of weight is still the same—and I wonder if it could ever be computed in terms of energy how much work is done by the arms (especially the forearms)?

Ernest Jones in his book "Swinging Into Golf" points out that he can sit on a chair and hit a ball some 200 yards down the fairway. Jimmy Thomson, one of the longest hitters in golf to-day, almost pivots himself off his feet—and his wrists don't do that—while Alex Morrison has shown in a diagram that the muscles which do the greatest work in a golf shot are those of the *back and thighs*.

So it seems that elsewhere, too, there are different means of attaining the same end with a golf ball—so why bother too much about how you get there as long as do?

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THE annual golf match between Kowloon and Happy Valley will be played at Kowloon on Friday, and I notice that the first game of the singles is between those redoubtable golfers from the Royal Naval Dockyard—A. E. Davies (Kowloon) and J. T. Smith (Happy Valley).

Smith is the Colony champion who has done such great things at the Royal Hongkong G.C., Fanling, while Davies is his counter-part who has cornered the market of trophies at Kowloon during the past year. The odds are on Smith winning this match, but it would be worth following.

Nazis Act While Dictators Talk

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—While Mussolini and Hitler were talking together at Brenner Pass Nazi sea warfare was busy sinking another neutral ship.

She was an Italian collier, the Tina Primo of 5,000 tons. The ship was broken in two by an explosion off the coast of England. One of her crew died and several others are in hospital.

BELLS FOR SHRAPNEL

German Decree for Stocks Of Metal

Berlin, Mar. 19.

All church bells will be handed over to the State in order to create the metal reserves necessary for the conduct of the war over a long period, according to an official decree.

Ersatz (substitute) metal and adequate compensation are promised. Copper used in certain parts of build-

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the
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GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinarly Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:—

"That the Capital of the "Company be increased from its "present Capital of $6,000,000 "Hong Kong currency divided "into 600,000 shares of $10 each "to $18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 "shares of $10 each and that "such additional shares shall "rank in all respects pari passu "with the original Capital of the "Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:—

"1. That the Directors be "and they are hereby authorised "to capitalise the sum of $3,000,-"000 Hong Kong currency part of "the undivided profits of the "Company standing to the credit "of the Company's Reserve Fund "and to allot to the Members "holding shares of the Company "as on the 1st day of July, 1940, "in respect of the net amount "capitalised fully paid shares of "the Company of equivalent "nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two "shares of the Company then "held by such persons respectively and that such shares go "allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of "July, 1940.

"2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person "would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, "in lieu of issuing Fractional "Certificates, cause the whole "share to be allotted to a person "or persons to be named by the "Directors and such share shall, "at such time as the Directors "think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the "persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

By order of the
Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO. LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1940, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1940, to TUESDAY, the 2nd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1940.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 29TH MARCH, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1939.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21ST MARCH, 1940, to FRIDAY, the 29TH MARCH, 1940, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1940.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 5749	Opposite Inland Lot No. 2316. Tsoi Tak Street, Wong Nei Chung.	as per sale plan.				About 3,470	$ 64	$ 10,410

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2774.	Junction of Shun Ning Road & Kin Kiang Street, Shamshuipo.	As per sale plan.				About 5,230	$ 72	$ 6,230

MINISTER WARNS AMERICA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TORONTO, Mar. 19 (UP).—Mr. James R. Cromwell, United States Minister to Canada, to-day criticised United States advocates of isolation and warned that Germany "frankly and openly seeks to destroy" the institutions of social and economic order on which the United States Government is founded.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 22nd., 23rd and 25th March, 1940. (Easter Holidays).

Hongkong, 18th March, 1940.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1940.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Yaumati, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 5 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4237	Near Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2396, Nathan Road, Kowloon.	as per sale plan.				About 2,660	$ 52	$ 2,700

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2773	Junction of Castle Peak Road and Wing Lung Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	As per sale plan.				About 6,110	$ 84	$ 5,110

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1890.

It appears, says an American paper, that there are only about one hundred native born American tars in the United States Navy. All the rest are Chinese, negroes, Portuguese, Germans, Cannucks, Greeks, Malays, and Patagonian. The one hundred are now lonely and are about to petition the Secretary of the Navy to give them an occasional week ashore so that they shall not forget how to speak the English language.

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The popular belief in the sanitary efficacy of red underwear is a clinging superstition, nothing more. Red was in ancient times considered a potent charm against the evil eye. At one time in the 16th century, when the evil eye was deemed to be especially triumphant in England, there was a boom in red tape which it has never since experienced. Many people to this day believe that a red string worn about the neck is a sure preventive of asthma, measles and mumps. The relics of this old faith are to-day best preserved in the great confidence which obtains in the medical virtues of red flannel, and a not so widespread belief that the milk of a red cow is better than that of any other cow. As to red flannel, it has the single merit over other colours that the dyeing material used destroys all vestige of animal life in the wool, and that red flannel does not shrink as white flannel does.

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A new use has been found for the carrier pigeon in Russia—carrying negatives taken in a balloon to the photographers. The "Novoe Vremya" gives an account of some experiments to this end recently made, in which the Czar's winter palace was photographed in the air, the plates being sealed in paper bags impenetrable to light, tied to a pigeon's foot, and sent to the developer.

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The use of compressed air as a motive power for tramways in France is extending. The system adopted is that invented by M. Mekarski, director of the Nantes tramways, which has been open since 1879. The inventor asserts that the system is far more economical than horse traction—the cost of coal per day of a machine equal to eight or ten horse power being only 4s.—much cheaper than electricity or steam power and that the machinery is simple and does not require a skilled mechanic to control it.

25 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1915.

A Paris evening communique states:—A Zeppelin has dropped bombs on Calais, killing seven station employees.

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The destruction of German power or influence in the Far East now having been accomplished, says the "London and China Express," the future of the Pacific—a problem that long filled the minds of the Chancelleries of the world having interests in those waters—should be of early solution. The ex-German Colonies, of course, shall remain under the Union Jack, and in all probability shall be administered by Australia, save, perhaps, New Guinea, every inch of which must eventually come under the British flag by treaty or cession. Never again can Great Britain afford to take the risks that she has taken in the past 20 years by allowing a strong Power to challenge her supremacy at almost every point on the five continents.

10 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1930.

Hopes for the establishment of an air mail service between Hongkong and London, via Singapore and India, in the not too distant future, are encouraged by a statement in the House of Commons, yesterday, when Mr. F. Montague introduced the Air Estimates.

5 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1935.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, to-day told the House of Commons that Great Britain had already taken steps to defend herself against possible air raids in the future. The estimates provide for a programme envisaging an increase of the fighting machines of the R.A.F. to a total of 1,460 by 1938.

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Declaring that the British Air Defence programme was entirely inadequate, Mr. Winston Churchill to-day caused a sensation in the House of Commons when he warned that the British Air Force had been allowed to stand inferior in strength to that of Germany's. The country was faced with something very like the possibility of a resumption of the War which ended in 1918, he challenged.

Speaking for the Government, Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, admitted that the political situation was most anxious, but asserted that the Government was determined to see that no stone was left unturned for the adequate defence of the country and the Empire.

The feature of the debate on the Air Estimates was Mr. Winston Churchill's address.

He bluntly asserted that, last November, Great Britain and Germany were virtually of equal air strength, but insisted that since then the British position had materially worsened relatively.

"We have entered into a period of gravest peril and are faced with something very like the possibility of a resumption of the war which ended in 1918," Mr. Churchill cried.

However, he still hoped and believed that the danger of armed conflict in Europe might be averted.

Replying for the Government, Sir Philip Sassoon, said that according to the Government's latest information he had every reason to think that Great Britain was still stronger than Germany in the air.

COULD "GINGER" UP WAR

DISCUSSING the possibility of the appointment of a British Minister of Defence, with unified control of the Services, the Springfield Republican writes:

"Such an arrangement would be more compact and probably more efficient than keeping the Navy, Army, and Air Force separate, with a fourth Minister for their co-ordination.

"If a post of this kind is to be created, Mr. Churchill is the obvious choice, whatever may be said about his principles. His appointment as General-Director of operations by sea, by land, and by air would unquestionably ginger up the war."

NANKING REGIME

Tokyo Will Negotiate Treaty With Wang

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

The new Japanese envoy to the Wang Ching-wei regime, General Nobuyuki Abe, former Premier, has been invested with full powers to adjust and regulate the new relations on the basis agreed last December between Wang Ching-wei and the Japanese authorities in China, and to negotiate the treaty governing those relations after the inauguration of the new Central China Government, according to Japanese reports.

The treaty, consisting of brief but explicit stipulations providing for the clarification of the joint responsibility and of the mission imposed upon Japan, Manchukuo and China for the attainment of the aims outlined in the famed Konoye statement of December 22, 1938, will be the highest principle in Sino-Japanese relations.

Upon signature, the treaty will be made public by Japan and China in the form of a joint simultaneous announcement, whereupon Japan and the new Central Government of China will enter into new relationship and the mission of the special envoy will end.

The envoy will be accompanied to China by a large suite, including representatives of the War Office, the Navy Ministry and Foreign Office and a section of staff members on the China Affairs Board, a Central organ vested with broad powers to deal with all affairs relating to China, particularly in the field of economy.—*Reuter.*

Gandhi Criticised

Ramgarh, Mar. 19.

Subhas Chandra Bose, President of the All India "Anti-Compromise" Congress, in his presidential address, denounced Gandhi and the present right wing Congress high command, charging the high command with sidetracking the issue by the demand for a fake constituent assembly.

The speaker added that in the event of a compromise with Imperialism being the effect of such efforts, the left wing would have to fight not only Imperialism but its new fangled Indian allies as well. This must necessarily mean that the struggle against Imperialism would be converted into a civil war between the Indians themselves.

The right of India to frame her own constitution without outside interference was demanded by Moulana Abdulkalam Azad.

The Moulana said that the foundation of India's problem was whether she was entitled to determine her own fate. The whole question of Indian nationalism was based thereon. The British Government did not accept the position that India had a right to self-determination and he urged that India go forward on the path of non-co-operation. He added that an inquiry should be addressed to the world regarding whether there was a better solution to the problem than the one proposed by Congress.

"Our success depends upon three factors—unity, discipline and full confidence in Gandhi's leadership," he said.—*Reuter.*

British Boycott Plan

Ramgarh, Mar. 19.

Pundit K. Santanam suggested a boycott of British goods and other methods of non-co-operation instead of civil disobedience throughout the country. A programme of non-co-operation which need not land anybody in gaol would be an effective protest against the British Government, he said.—*United Press.*

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POST OFFICE

EASTER HOLIDAYS

On Friday, the 22nd March the General Post Office and all Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays.

On Saturday, March 23 and Monday, March 25, the General Post Office and Kowloon Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence each day at noon. The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taipo and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. on March 23 and 25.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the me given below unless otherwise tated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 13th March.
Mar. 20.
Formosa, Amoy and Swatow Mar. 20.
Bangkok and Saigon Mar. 20.
Manila Mar. 20.
Shanghai and Amoy Mar. 20.
Shanghai Mar. 20.
Straits Mar. 20.
Amoy Mar. 21.
Japan and Shanghai Mar. 21.
Saigon Mar. 21.
Australia and Manila Mar 21.
Canton Mar. 21.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 13th March. Mar. 22.
Canton Mar. 22.
Haiphong Mar. 22.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard Mar. 22.
Sandakan Mar. 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 14th Feb.) Mar. 22.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 12th March. Mar. 23.
Japan and Shanghai Mar. 23.
Rabaul and Manila Mar. 23.
Shanghai Mar. 23.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 16th March. Mar. 24.
Canton Mar. 24.
Shanghai and Amoy Mar. 24.
Straits and Palembang Mar. 24.
Haiphong and Hoihow Mar. 25.
Japan and Shanghai Mar. 25.
Japan Mar. 26.
Manila Mar. 26.
Shanghai Mar. 26.
Haiphong Mar. 27.
Java and Manila Mar. 27.

OUTWARD MAILS
Wednesday, Mar. 20
Straits and Calcutta
Parcels, ...Mar. 20, 11 a.m.
Ord., ...Mar. 20. Noon.
Haiphong 2 p.m.
Shanghai 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 28th March.
K. P. O.
Reg., ...Mar. 20, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Mar. 20, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg., ...Mar. 20, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...Mar. 20, 7.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th April and London Parcels—due London, 28th April.
Kowloon P. O.
Parcels, ...3.00 p.m.
Reg., ...5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels, ...3.00 p.m.
Reg., ...5.00 p.m.
Ord., ...7.00 p.m.
Shanghai 7 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 21
Canton 7.15 a.m.
Japan 1.30 p.m.
Amoy 2.30 p.m.
Swatow and Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard 3.30 p.m.
Amoy 7.00 p.m.
Friday, Mar. 22
Manila 9 a.m.
Shanghai 9 a.m.
Saturday, Mar. 23
Canton 7.15 a.m.
Straits 8.30 a.m.
Saigon Noon.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 31st March.
K.P.O.
Reg., ...Mar. 23, Noon.
Ord., ...Mar. 23, Noon.
G.P.O.
Reg., ...Mar. 23, Noon.
Ord., ...Mar. 23, 5 p.m.
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ENTERTAINMENTS



Commencing on the Left Foot. The One Step. 8 Walking steps forward, moving the left arm backwards and forwards as you walk.



One complete turn to the right, taking 8 beats balancing from one foot to the other—swaying the shoulders from side to side as you turn.



Now repeat the above figure, 8 One Steps and 1 complete turn, finish facing each other and shout "ooh."

KNEES UP MOTHER BROWN

The New Hongkong Dance Craze

"KNEES UP MOTHER BROWN" is Hongkong's latest party dance craze.

It was introduced to the Colony on Saturday night by Sandra and Fredric Hartnell, the star turn entertainers at the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel, and became an instantaneous success.



About a hundred couples essayed the dance after it had been demonstrated by the Hartnells, and voted it a worthy successor to "Lambeth Walk" and "Boomps a Daisy."

"Knees up Mother Brown" was introduced in London as recently as December 12 and is now sweeping England.

The routine was devised by Adele England, principal of the Locarno School of Dancing in London, who is responsible for several other successes of a like nature.

It is the fifth novelty dance to be introduced by C. L. Heimann, who was responsible for "Lambeth Walk," "The Chestnut Tree" (so popular with His Majesty the King), "The Park Parade" and war-time's "The Handsome Territorial."

"Knees Up Mother Brown" is a worthy successor. Its simplicity assures its success, for anyone can dance it.

THE first eight steps are a stiff - legged "cake - walk" (You'll recall from the movie that the stiff-legged "cake-walk" was the first jazz number invented by Irene and Vernon Castle). In "Knees Up Mother Brown" the arms are also used. The cake walk is followed by a complete turn to the right, swaying the shoulders from side to side as you turn. Then the cake-walk again, finishing with another complete turn and a shouted "ooh".

Then comes the Chorus.

Facing each other, gentlemen commence on right foot, ladies on left foot, and take three running steps forward. On the fourth beat the couple slip forward with bended knees—shouting "Well". The gentleman slightly lifts his trousers and the lady slightly lifts her dress. Then four running steps backwards.

A hop on the right foot (these instructions are for gentlemen—ladies, of course, use opposite feet) twice, at the same time extending right hand slightly lowered towards partner, palm upward, keeping in time with each Hop. (Some of the people at the Gripps used the Hitler salute!) Repeat on the Left Foot and Left Hand. Again on the Right and again on the Left. This is followed by a run towards partner, linking of right arms, a circle (this is similar to Lambeth Walk) and then back to places.

The final movement is to hop first on one foot and then on the other with the knees up, four steps facing each other and four steps moving towards each other.

The Verse and Chorus can be repeated as often as desired.

It is a Novel Dance that is bound to click at all Hongkong clubs and dance halls.

Partners commence in the ordinary dancing position for the verse and facing each other for the chorus.

Steps described are gentlemen's, lady commences on the opposite foot.

Now for the steps of the Chorus.

Facing each other, commence on the Right Foot. 3 Running steps forward, on the 4th beat slip forward with bended knees—shouting "Well," slightly lifting trousers while lady slightly lifts dress.

Then 4 running steps back to places still facing each other.



Hop on the Right Foot twice, at the same time extend Right Hand slightly lowered towards partner, palm upwards, keeping in time with each Hop. Repeat on the Left Foot and Left Hand. Again on the Right and again on the Left.

Commence on Right Foot. Running towards partner link Right Arm, make a circle, and back to places.



Hopping on one foot, then the other with the knees up. 4 Facing each other and 4 moving towards each other, finishing with the shout "ooh."

Now repeat the Verse, and Chorus as many times as desired.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Mother! That's so old fashioned the way you're fixing it—this is 1940, not 1939!"

PICTURE ARTICLE

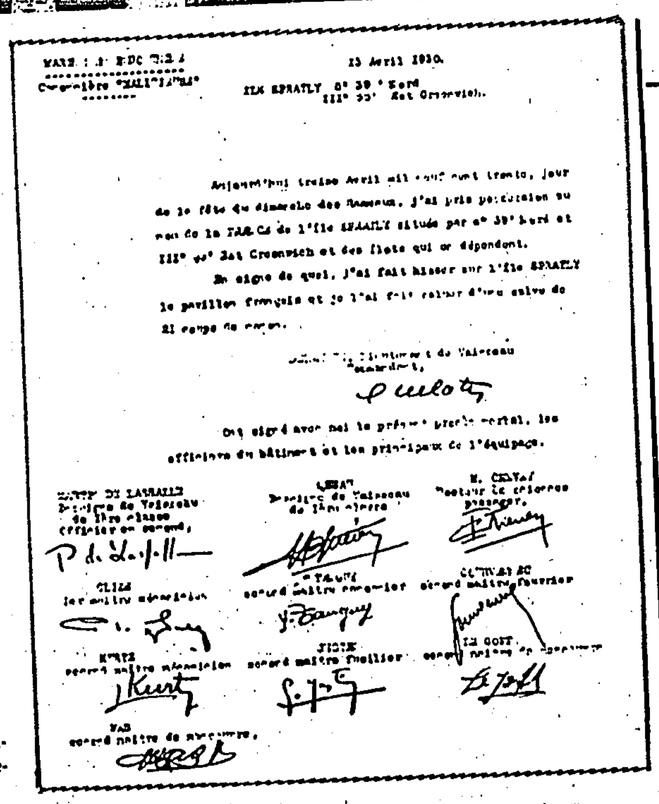


SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH.

TOKYO, Mar. 14 (Domei).—"No question can arise regarding the title to Spratley Islands, which the Japanese Government on March 30 of last year declared incorporated into Japanese territory and placed under the administration of the Government-General of Formosa," the Navy Office spokesman said



THIS MAP illustrates the strategic importance of the Spratley Islands, which lie midway between Hongkong, Singapore, Manila and French Indo-China. France claims jurisdiction over the islands.



15 April 1930.

ILE SPRATLY 8° 38' Nord
111° 55' Est Greenwich.

Aujourd'hui treize Avril mil neuf cent trente, jour de la fête du dimanche des Rameaux, j'ai pris possession au nom de la FRANCE de l'île SPRATLY située par 8° 38' Nord et 111° 55' Est Greenwich et des îlots qui en dépendent.

En signe de quoi, j'ai fait hisser sur l'île SPRATLY le pavillon français et je l'ai fait saluer d'une salve de 21 coups de canon.

Le Commandant du Vaisseau
Amiral,

Ont signé avec moi le présent procès verbal, les officiers du bâtiment et les principaux de l'équipage.

ABOVE.—Announcement of Annexation published in the "Telegraph" last week.

ANNEXATION BY JAPAN

FOUR MAJOR POWERS—Britain, France, Holland and the United States—are opposed to Japan's annexation of the Spratley Island (also known as Storm Island).

Spratley is the main island in an archipelago, and has an area of only 120 acres.

Its importance is due solely to its strategic position, for it lies 410 miles from French Indo-China and some 500 miles from British North Borneo.

Japan claims that the reefs forming the Spratley group have long been known as ownerless and that since 1917 Japanese nationals had undertaken the economic development of the archipelago.

In 1843 Captain Spratley of the British whaler "Cyrus" sighted the island and plotted its position on the chart, but it was not until 1930 that it was annexed by any country.

In that year a landing party from the French minesweeper "Malicieuse" was put ashore, the tricolour was hoisted, and the commander formally took possession of the island in the name of France.

Above, TOP LEFT, shows the French taking possession of Spratley; seamen landing from the "Malicieuse" to hoist the tricolour in 1930. TOP RIGHT.—General view of island, with palms sheltering a primitive encampment formed by fishermen. The island is rich in phosphate deposits. BELOW RIGHT.—The affidavit signed by the Commander of the "Malicieuse," stating that Spratley Island was occupied on April 15, 1930.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

YOUR CHARACTER

THE test that follows on this page is based on thousands of studies. There will be a temptation to over-rate yourself. Don't fall for it—be as honest and as objective as possible. Rate yourself as follows: Distinctly superior, 5 points; above average, 4 points; average, 3 points; below average, 2 points; poor 1 point. The average is 45 points out of a possible 80. The best result in testing your character may be obtained by getting a friend to rate you.

INTELLECTUAL CHARACTER

1 Earnestness . . . Are you serious? Or inclined to be frivolous, trifling?
2 Open-mindedness . . . Receptive to others' ideas?
3 Accuracy Are you careful of statements, or inclined to indefiniteness?
4 Initiative . . . Do you think for yourself? Or drift along with others?
5 Rational . . . Are you judicious, or prejudiced?
6 Alert Are you hard-working? Just average? Lazy?

WORKING CHARACTER

1 Purposeful . . . Can you avoid being led by likes and dislikes?
2 Teachable . . . Amenable to teaching? Or are you stubborn?
3 Attentive . . . Or do you find attention wandering?
4 Ambitious . . . Are you trying to improve? Or are you satisfied with yourself?
5 Punctual . . . Do you get there on time, or always a bit late?
6 Thorough . . . Verify your conclusions, or jump at them?
7 Thrifty . . . Careful with money? Miserly? Wasteful?
8 Artistic . . . Are you neat in work? Or slovenly?
9 Adaptable . . . Do you fit into surroundings easily? Or slowly?
10 Leadership . . . Do you follow a cause you consider worthy?

CHEERO CLUB

Bridge and Mah Jongg Drive Prizewinners

A successful Bridge and Mah Jongg drive was held at the Cheero Club yesterday. All present enjoyed the afternoon and an excellent tea was provided. Lady Noble presented the prizes which were won by the following:

Contract Bridge.—1st, Mrs. D. H. Clark; 2nd, Mrs. Hyde Lay; 3rd, Mrs. Razavet; consolation, Mrs. Odell.

Mah Jongg Clear Game.—1st, Mrs. Hourihan; 2nd, Mrs. Harndon; 3rd, Mrs. Fenton; consolation, Mrs. M. Smith.

Mah Jongg Chinese Game.—1st, Mrs. Orem; 2nd, Mrs. Smith, 3rd, Mrs. Redwood; consolation, Mrs. Leo.

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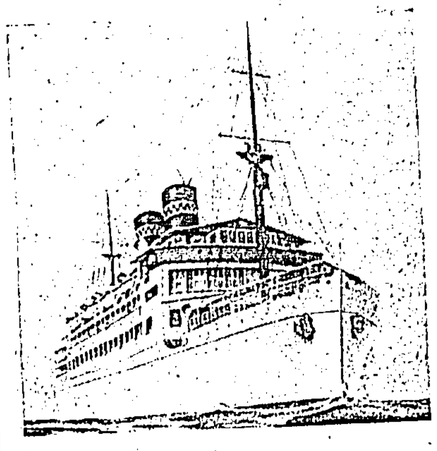
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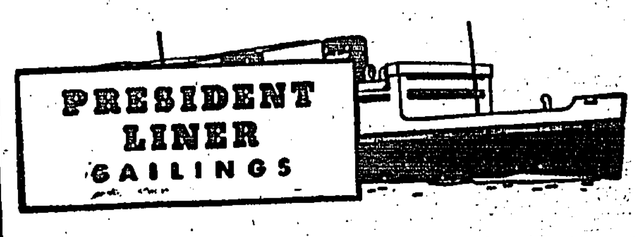
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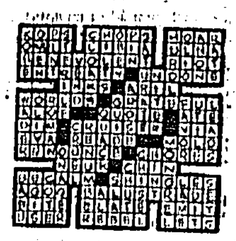
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Foolish mistake (slang)
6—Removes skin
11—Once more (Latin)
12—Unmitigated
14—Horse
15—Medieval order of knights
17—Surprised sound
18—Cover
20—Metal bars
21—Professional (slang)
22—Short poems
24—Solid water
25—Beverages
26—Plundered
27—Rounder
28—Destroy
29—Sun god
30—At home
31—Outer part of grain
33—Sister (col.)
36—Diminutive suffix
39—Praise
40—Policeman (slang)
41—Close permanently
42—Object
43—Kind of element
45—Bone of cheat
46—Plural ending
47—Cure-all

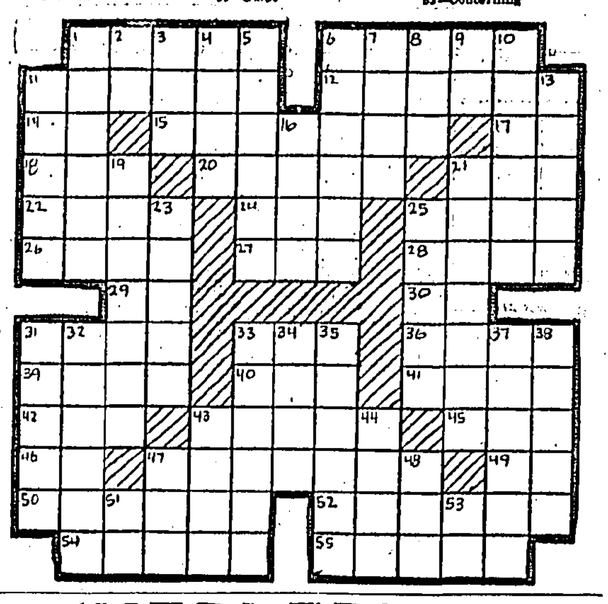
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



48—Exhume
50—Olive
53—Legal instrument
54—Fashions
55—Guide

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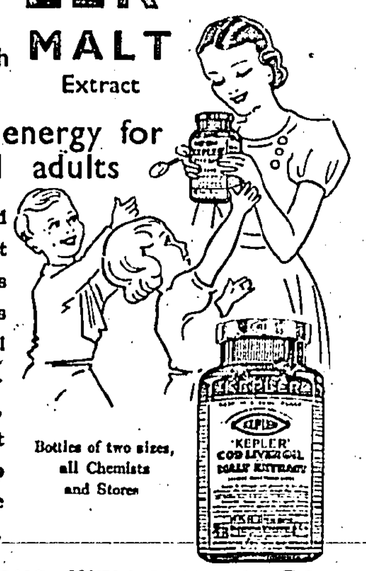
1—Alongside
2—Following after
3—Negative
4—Always
5—Modern Greek
6—Grew monotonous
7—Ages
8—Be wrong
9—G-sharp in B
10—Sounds in sleep
11—Borrow (poetic)
13—Things there
16—Type measure
19—Chest
21—Plantation owner
23—Be erect
25—Constellation: Ram
13—Parts of an act
14—Small bit
15—Open areas
37—Clothier
38—Joint of arm
42—Other of pair
44—For fear that
47—Sixth
48—Expert aviator
51—Denial
52—Concerning



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Wang Ching-wei Announces New Coup

JAPANESE AGREE TO WITHDRAW TROOPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NANKING, Mar. 19 (UP).—The Propaganda Minister, Lin Pai-sheng, on behalf of Wang Ching-wei, said to-day that it was agreed to return to China the military control the Japanese forces exercise in the occupied areas. Wang Ching-wei declares that this will assure an army establishment of the new Chinese Government.

The Central Political Conference opens on Wednesday, the meeting lasting three or four days, for the purpose of preparing for the "return of the National Government to Nanking" which will be possibly proclaimed next week, although the date is not fixed. Twenty-two out of 30 delegates are former officials of the National Government which evacuated to Nanking in 1937.

Busy Conference

The conference will pass a resolution empowering Wang Ching-wei to determine a policy for readjustment of Sino-Japanese relations, draw up an outline for establishment of the new Government, and also decide the date of establishment and structure as well as abolition of the Peiping and Nanking regimes, determine the political programme of the new regime, establish a policy *vis-a-vis* Chungking and the question of its liquidation, and also decide the convocation of the National Assembly and the question of enforcing a constitutional government.

FINNISH CABINET TO RESIGN

Moscow Pressure To Be Ignored

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, March 19 (UP).—Premier Ryti's Cabinet will resign to-morrow as a matter of form after the peace ratifications have been exchanged with Russia.

The measure is being openly discussed in the press and it is not expected that the new Cabinet will eliminate the policies followed by M. Tanner as Foreign Minister, and that pressure from Moscow will be ignored.

Delegation In Moscow

MOSCOW, March 19 (UP).—The Finnish delegation headed by M. Paasikivi arrived here at 5.12 p.m. to-day.

OBITUARY

DEATH OF MR. LI CHOR CHI

His many friends in the Colony will be shocked to learn of the passing of Mr. Li Chor-chi, Accountant of the Overseas Chinese Banking Corporation and Secretary of the Ho Hong Co., Ltd.

Mr. Li passed away at 7.15 this morning at the Queen Mary Hospital, where he had been confined since last Friday, suffering from acute gastric trouble.

Born in Sydney 52 years ago, Mr. Li came to Hongkong when still a young man. He spent several years in Saigon where he studied singing and languages. A tenor of no mean ability he could sing in Italian, Spanish and French, and was a fluent French scholar. He used to broadcast over ZBW and had organised many concerts on behalf of various charities.

The late Mr. Li came from a well-known family. He is survived by two brothers and two sisters—Mr. William Yinson Lee, manager of the Chinese Branch of the Sun Life Assurance Co. and well-known charitable worker, Mr. James Zeemin Lee, who recently paid a visit to Hongkong from Hollywood, where he had appeared in a number of films, Mrs. Rose Chow, vice-President of the Chinese Women's Club and daughter-in-law of the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, and Mrs. Alice Chow, wife of Mr. C. L. Chow, B.A., F.C.I., T.D. (Birmingham).

The late Mr. Li took a great interest in public affairs, having only last week been re-elected a member of the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, with which he had been connected for a number of years. He was also, at the time of his death, Chairman of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the Chinese Mission for Lepers, which was founded by his brother, Mr. Yinson Lee.

The body has been removed to Brown Jones Funeral Parlour at 45 Morrison Hill Road, and the funeral arrangements will be announced to-morrow.

In lieu of flowers, friends are requested to send donations in memory of the late Mr. Li Chor-chi to the Chungshan Refugees Fund, c/o *S. C. M. Post.*

There's nothing like white—crisp, starchy white—for giving a lift to tired clothes. And if you can't invest in an all-new trimmings. Choose materials that will wash, because the white must be white every time you wear it.

Suggestions here—a frilly petticoat, a blouse, waistbands and a lace yoke—would look fine on any black or dark blue dress.

1 *This blouse would look grand under a plain dark suit. It is made of coarse white Irish lace, and tailored. It has a small turn-down collar, long, close sleeves, and the yoke is threaded with velvet ribbon.*

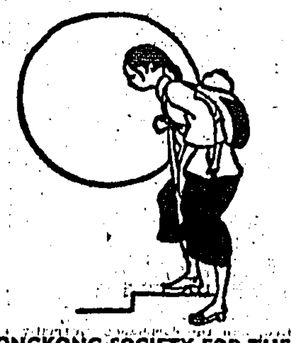
2 *This babyish bib is really a yoke for a dinner dress. It is made in broderie anglaise, with embroidered scalloped edges. Embroidered slots round the pie frill neck take a velvet ribbon to draw it close round the neck.*

3 *Any of your good, dark though rather tired-looking gloves can be given new life this way. Sew a strip of bold lace up the wrist.*

4 *This linen petticoat to swing beneath your skirt will give a lot of lift to a tired frock. Flared from the flat hip yoke, the hem is trimmed with crochet lace and embroidery.*

5 *Any frock you're bored with could do with this. Cut out the neck to a low square and tuck into it this gilet of fine embroidered lawn. There are wristbands to match.*

6 *Another dark frock could be made into a pinafore to wear over the organdie blouse. The shoulders are puffed, the long neck line trimmed with an embroidered band.*



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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 **A Light French Programme.**
1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 **Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.**—"Manhattan Music Box"—Selection, Dizzy Fingers, "Head Over Heels"—Selection, "Home and Beauty"—Selection.
1.15 **The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.**
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 **Frances Day, Max Miller and Walsh and Barker in Variety.**
2.15 Close Down.
6.00 **A Ballad Concert.**
6.28 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.30 **Half An Hour of Dance Music.**
7.00 **London Relay—"These Strangers within our Gates."**—Stories about foreigners.
7.30 **London Relay—The News.**
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 **Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) Winnie Melville (Soprano) and De Groot and His Orchestra.**
8.45 **Studio—Piano Recital by Caroline Braga.**—1. Prelude and Fugue in D Minor (Bach); 2. Prelude in D Flat Major (The Raindrop), Op. 28, No. 15 (Chopin); 3. Mazurka in D flat major, Op. 30, No. 3 (Chopin); 4. Berceuse, Op. 57 (Chopin); 5. Elle A Daignee Sourire (She Smiles), Op. 93, No. 4 (Poldini); 6. The Lover and the Nightingale (Granados); 7. Arabesque, Op. 39, No. 4 (Macdowell).
9.15 **London Relay—News Summary.**
9.30 **Songs by Tito Schipa (Tenor).**—Plaisir D'Amour, O Del Mio Amato Ben, with Orchestral accomp.
9.40 **'Cello Solos by Pau Casals.**—Vito (Spanish Dance), Op. 54, No. 5, Spanish Dance, Goyescas—Intermezzo, Toccata in G Major—Adagio, with Piano accomp.
9.55 **Beethoven—Symphony No. 9 in D Minor, Op. 125 ("Choral").**—Felix Weingartner and Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.
11.00 Close Down.

Chinese Programmes

Attention is called to the Z. B. W. Chinese programme during the Easter Week, which will include three talks by noted Chinese scholars and authors. The talks will be given in two dialects, Cantonese and Mandarin, and will start at 6 p.m. each day. They will be as follow:

Wednesday, March 20, "English and Chinese Educational aims and their similarity," by Dr. C. L. Hsia, member of the Legislative Yuan, National Government, China.

Saturday, March 23, "The Chinese Industrial Co-operative Movement in the South-west" by the C.I.C.

Monday, March 25, "Britain's Naval Week" by Dr. S. I. Hsiung, author of "Lady Precious Stream."

TWO-HEADED BABY

Manila, Mar. 19.

A double-headed baby was born to a peasant couple in the town of Lubao, Pampanga yesterday. The baby is still alive, but physicians doubt if it will live long.

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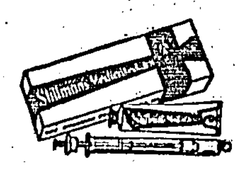
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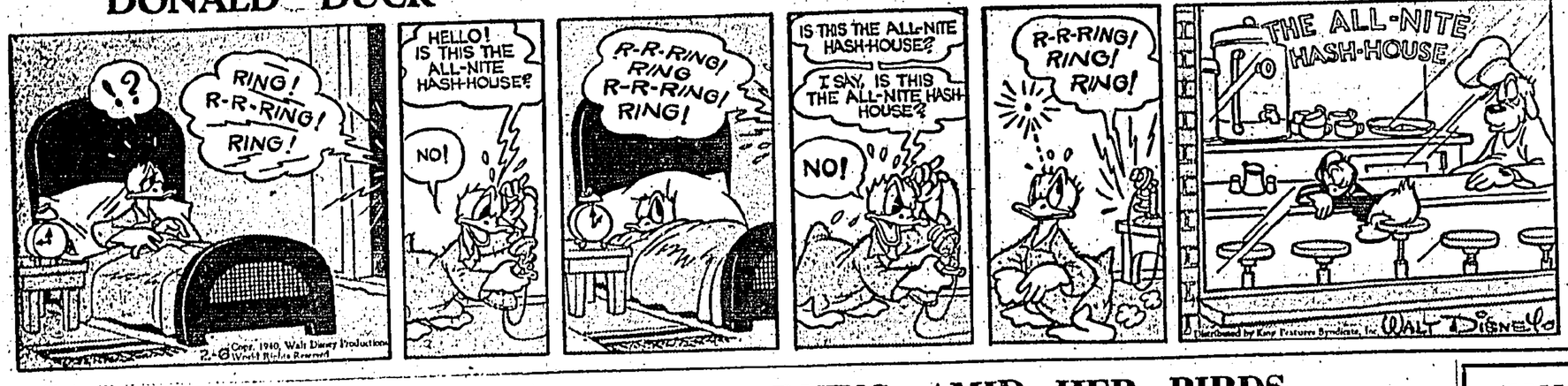
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LAY DYING AMID HER BIRDS

WOMAN CUT OFF FROM WORLD FOR 10 YEARS

A WOMAN of ample means, who had cut herself off from the world for ten years, died from exposure to cold because she had no heating in her nine-roomed villa.

This was the story told at the Watford inquest on Miss Margaret Elizabeth Carter, of Bushey Grove-road, Bushey, Hertfordshire. She was 77.

"I never knew her go outside her house. No tradesmen or postmen ever called," said the man who did odd jobs for her.

Just Said "John"

He was her former milkman, Edward John Narroway, of Queen's-road, Watford.

On December 31, when he called, he saw she was in a state of collapse.

He sent for a doctor. She opened her eyes, said "John," then sank back in his arms and died.

It was stated that Miss Carter was wearing a brown skirt and six woollen cardigans pinned with about 50 safety pins. Her hair was covered with brown paper tied up with string.

Kitchen and scullery were full of old newspapers, magazines, books and unopened parcels. She had apparently lived and slept in a recess made in the papers in which it was impossible to lie down.

Bird-Lover

There had been no fire in any of the rooms for a long time. In several rooms downstairs there were pigeons and other birds.

They were all well cared for and there was food in the house, but no heating of any kind.

Miss Cicely Carter, of Kings-road, Richmond, a niece, said her aunt had been a recluse since 1930. She had plenty of clothing and ample means.

The last time she saw her aunt was in 1936. Her father had tried to persuade her to go into a home.

Miss Carter had written to her niece: "I have been having a very bad time as the conditions through which I have lived after my dear dog passed on seemed to have broken me beyond recovery."

The coroner returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes. He said Narroway did all he could for Miss Carter, and there was no lack of sympathy on the part of her relatives.

FAMOUS HOCKEY STARS READY



THE famous Toronto "Maple Leafs," of the National Hockey League, are training for war work. They are shown entering a trench for machine-gun and rifle practice outside Toronto.

GAVE WIFE £1,800, ASKED NO QUESTIONS

THE Registrar at Leicester Bankruptcy Court (Mr. C. Squire) said recently that he could not understand the attitude of a man who, without making any inquiries, gave his wife £1,800 when she asked for it.

Arthur Marston, of Hinckley Road, Leicester, an A.R.P. driver, was being further examined about his affairs. A letter from Marston stated:

"I have learned that my wife has money tucked away somewhere. Where, I don't know. Can you find out? I would like to know where £1,800 has gone in such a short time and no business people paid."

Marston stated that he gave his wife the money because she wanted it. His creditors, he said, would be paid when this matter was all over.

The hearing was adjourned pending a private examination of Mrs. Marston, which is to be held shortly.

GAULEITER FOR WALES!

AN American woman journalist in London tells a story of a dinner party she attended in Berlin just before the outbreak of war.

She remarked to her neighbour that she was leaving shortly for England.

"Don't do that," he advised her. "You speak German admirably. You also know England and its customs.

"I can find you a good job. For I am to be Gauleiter for Wales. I am busy learning Welsh now."

Judge Refused To Be Sent To A Bolt-Hole

"WILL STAY UNTIL BOMBS START"

THE Law Society, national headquarters of English solicitors, has returned to London. They had evacuated to Newbury (Berks) when the war began.

The Law Courts had also planned a move. But one eminent judge put his foot down on that.

He said: "If British soldiers can face the enemy for a few shillings a day, and our merchant seamen risk their lives in all weathers, the King's judges, who get thousands of pounds a year, need not bolt from their posts because of a problematical air attack.

"I shall sit in my court till the bombs start falling. Then, if it proves impossible to bring principals or witnesses here I'll reconsider the matter."

So the courts have stayed in London.

The barristers stayed there too, what was left of them. But that's not much.

The four Inns of Court are looking very empty these days. Here and there you stumble on groups of workmen reconditioning the chambers to make flats and offices out of them.

Closed Down

Fifty sets of chambers have closed down in the Temple, and for each set shut down you must reckon at least two clerks out of a job, sometimes three or four. Even the chambers that still carry on have got only two-thirds of their normal tenants left.

All the younger men have joined the forces, many of the older ones are in various Ministries.

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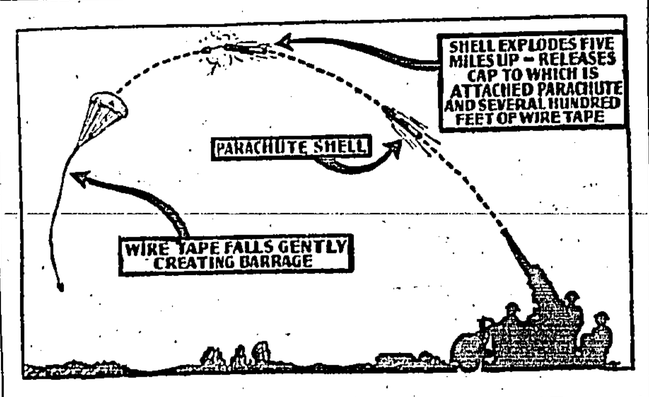
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Parachute Shells To Trap German Planes In Steel Cables

NEW YORK.

INVENTION of a "parachute-shell," a new anti-aircraft weapon, is revealed in Washington.

This shell, which has an effective range of 25,000ft., releases hundreds of feet of steel tape attached to a parachute at a predetermined altitude.

Military officials say that a barrage of these parachute-shells would create a "net" which aeroplanes could not pass.

For Use In France

The new weapon was invented by an American six months ago and has been thoroughly tested.

It is understood that it will shortly be produced in France, and is expected to be used if large-scale raids are made by the Germans.

The shell is fired in the ordinary way, and its nose falls from the case, pulling out the steel tape and the parachute. The purpose of the tape is to foul propellers of opposing planes.

It is declared that the new shell makes the balloon barrage out of date.

Nazi Guns Countered

PARIS.

UNUSUALLY elaborate preparation by the German artillery, which may be a rehearsal for attacks on a larger scale, accompanied a series of raids on French outposts on the Rhine-Moselle front.

Two posts West of the Saar River, about a mile and a half apart, were attacked. For half an hour beforehand the German artillery tried to cut the French wire, and shelled French machine-gun posts in the front line.

In spite of all devices the French counter-battery fire was effective, and the German raiding parties were forced to retire by the French guns and machine-guns, leaving a number of dead between the lines.

1,000 MEN DRIVE DEER

A THOUSAND men are busy in Savernake Forest, Wiltshire, rounding up deer, and driving them into new quarters in an enclosed park surrounding Tottenham House, home of the Marquess and Marchioness of Allesbury.

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Pawns of The Political Game

YESTERDAY'S report that a three-Power agreement between Germany, Italy and Russia is imminent provides a big temptation for jesting comment, and is certain to revive the jokes about Russia becoming the immutable enemy of the Comintern, which were prevalent when the Soviet and Nazi Germany effected their rapprochement. At the same time it is foolish to overlook the serious aspect of a three-Power political pact as envisaged in the news despatches. Its effectuation would entail a considerable loss of "face" by the two anti-Comintern States, hitherto sworn enemies of the Soviet and all things which the Russian system represents, but more important would be the political changes it would bring about in southeastern Europe and the Near East. The Balkans, already harassed by the close proximity of Greater Germany and Russia, would find it difficult to resist a tri-Power diplomatic "Blitzkreig" even though the Allies were to make counter guarantees of equal dimension.

It is quite obvious that the proposed rapprochement is not based on any single purpose. All three countries would enter the pact with individual ulterior motives; Germany to gain economic control of the Balkans; Italy to have two strong supporters for her "natural aspirations" in Northeast Africa and the Suez, and Russia for the protection of her illegal conquests in Poland and Finland. This factor of individual and separate aims is the weak point of any political pact between Germany, Russia and Italy. The partners become independent instead of interdependent, a position which may well bring about a quicker disruption of the partnership than any militaristic or economic action by the Allied Powers or the threatened Balkan States.

Hitler's assertion that he does not want the European conflict to be spread to the Balkans and the Near East may be a true reflection of his feelings, but the accompanying theory that a three-Power agreement would guarantee peace in those areas is hard to swallow. The more obvious effect would be to force the Allies into extending the war, if only to prevent Germany from acquiring so easily the economic war weapons which she so badly needs.

It is realisation of this possible turn to events which is probably influencing Hitler to seek Italy's positive aid in the war against the democracies. To bring about his economic conquest of the Balkans Hitler must have the political support of Italy and Russia; to guarantee that conquest against Allied interference he needs the armed support of at least Italy, and, if he can get it, of Russia. Thus, once again, the little Balkan States become pawns in the political game of the great nations.

BEYOND THE MAGINOT LINE



By PHILIP JORDAN
News Chronicle
Correspondent with the B.E.F.

IN groups of two, each strictly separated by about 200 yards—the men who occupy the most forward of our positions beyond the Maginot Line, climbed a hill to their lonely outposts in the wood above. Beyond that are the Germans. They move in such small groups because, as the blackboard on the road told them, the climb is all the way under observation from the enemy; and sometimes he lashes off with his machine-guns.

I climbed up to the wood and to its hidden outposts to-day—the first of all the war correspondents out here to be allowed to pay a visit to our men who are in constant contact with the enemy.

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THE real "front" lies some miles beyond our reserve line; and to reach it you must drive along exposed roads, and through deep forests where snow still lies on the ground.

You drive through several villages where human beings no longer live, and come finally to the blackboard on the road.

Beyond this point no vehicle may travel, no man may walk with more than one companion at his side: and no man may venture unless he has a tin hat perched uncomfortably on his head.

Plum trees line the road that leads up to the wood on the hill's summit; and fields from which last year's harvest was never fully gathered, roll across a wide valley bordered by woods into whose depths enemy night patrols occasionally penetrate.

Beyond the valley and on the summit of its enclosing ridge the German machine gunners lie waiting for parties sufficiently large to make it worth their while to fire.

When you are through the wire beyond the wood, you are but a few yards from positions from which our men watch, and sometimes check with their machine-guns, the daily movements of the enemy.

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FROM these positions you can sweep the whole range of hills opposite through powerful glasses and bring it within a comparatively few yards of your eyes.

Below is a deserted red-roofed village, where pigs, abandoned by their former owners in the hour of evacuation, roam at will and flourish until such times as either a British or a German patrol ventures into the deserted streets and captures one for fresh meat.

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FARTHER down the valley lies another empty village. Reports have long said that the Germans kept a permanent observation post there; but one regiment, when it was on duty in the outposts, had an idea that the reports were not quite true. To satisfy themselves, they sent out a daylight patrol, found that the Germans had gone, and rang the church bells just to tell the enemy where they were!

During the day the Germans make themselves scarce. Only a few were visible this morning; and when they had gone into the woods on their side of No Man's Land the country was immobile for some hours.

Only the occasional rattle of machine-guns on our flanks and the almost perpetual dull thud of artillery fire made it clear that the world is populated by more than the quiet men in our outposts and the huge black birds that fly ceaselessly across the cold, disputed land.

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SOME of those quiet men live in "The Ritz." It has sandbag walls; but it has a door, chintz curtains, a stove that everybody wishes would not sometimes take it into its head to smoke, two armchairs and a double bed! The kitchen adjoins; and from here hot meals, carried up the hill in huge vacuum flask containers, are served out at the proper time.

Tea came up while I was there to-day. Two men wheeled it up in an ornate old tyreless perambulator that they had "scrounged" from somewhere. Bread, margarine in huge yellow tins, raspberry jam, cheese, tea, and water for making it. That was this evening's meal.

Other men — the machine-gunners—live in their scientifically-sited posts; but these are not so comfortable as "The Ritz." You cannot sit upright in these sandbagged log cabins: you have to lie down all the time on the warm straw that covers the hard earth below.

All these, as it were, inverted dugouts lie close to the firing positions. Most of the firing positions and observation posts are tiny sandbagged fortresses, so placed that they enjoy the maximum security and combine it with the maximum effectiveness whenever it is necessary for the men inside to use their Bren and other quick-firing weapons.

Powerful telescopes help the sentries in these posts to pass long hours of duty without great strain on their eyes.

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ALL the men I found up there this morning are well and cheerful. And, like all their comrades elsewhere, are more concerned with their coming leave than with the enemy they face. When their turn comes some may go with a ribbon on their chests, for in the valley below them all the decorations of this war have so far been won, for those valleys and all land around the outposts are the battlefields of this strange conflict.

Not that they underrate the enemy's skill. They do not. They will tell you that he has been trained to the last hair; and that what he does not know about patrol work is not worth knowing. But that is about all they do say of him.

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BY the time these words get to London those men will have been relieved; and will have picked their way across the trip wires and all the empty tins that they have laid around them; and will have marched back to rest. When they come out of the line they will have learned the first three lessons of modern warfare: patience, patience, and then more patience still.

MEN OF THE Q-SHIPS

Luring Submarines to Destruction

The opening of another ruthless German submarine campaign recalls some of the most magnificent feats of the Great War—those of the Q-ships. The ships' activities ceased in 1918, but the deeds of their crews have lived on to record annals of courage and self-sacrifice that cannot be surpassed.

These ships went to sea with the deliberate intention of luring submarines to attack them, and Lieutenant-Commander E. Keble Chatterton has told how the officers and men serving in them—they consisted of armoured colliers, tramps, liners, cross-Channel packets, &c.—were drawn from every category of the sea—the Royal Navy, Royal Naval Reserve, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and Royal Fleet Reserve.

In his words, "They came from battleships and little ships, from fishing vessels, sailing craft, yachts, barracks, offices, and cab ranks. Hand-picked, disciplined, they were every one volunteers for what could be nothing but weeks of boredom suddenly enlivened by the fiercest excitement, ending probably in death. For their captains the responsibilities were enormous. First-class seamanship, exceptional coolness, immense patience, considerable imagination and quite unusual initiative were demanded."

The ships were of all types, and they were fitted out with guns and depth charges which were cleverly concealed behind dummy deckhouses, boats, &c.

The Panic Party

The crews would entice the enemy to close quarters by making a show of abandoning ship. No effort was spared to give the operations of the "panic party" every semblance of reality, for the success of the ruse and the lives of the ship and her crew depended on the submarine commander being taken in by the apparent haste of the men to pull away—by such studied details of a bird in its cage, the cook straight from his galley, the unkempt skipper, and a miscellany of uniforms. Often the ruse was completely successful and many submarines were sunk, although the Q-ships did not emerge from the campaign without suffering heavy losses.

Everything had to be rehearsed to the minutest detail, so that the suspicions of the submarine commander would not be aroused. If this did happen the submarine would dive and come up again unawares during the night and sink its opponent. The members of the panic party were all drilled into exactly what answers to give if the submarine commander asked questions, so that details were pat about the destination of the ship, cargo, and so on.

If the submarine did dive and hope to come up later the men on the Q-ship effected the most incredible changes during the time that elapsed. Funnels were repainted and the marks of another shipping company were put on, even the hull was sometimes gone over, a mast would be taken down, false deck-houses and other deck features were likewise altered.

Concealed Guns

The guns were very cleverly hidden on the decks. In some cases they were disguised by a dummy boat that had been sawn in halves and could be removed instantly. In others a gun was concealed by what appeared to be a life-belt locker. Sometimes tarpaulin screens concealed them, and these dropped at a touch.

At the critical moment for action the signalman would drop the Red Ensign and run up the White Ensign, so informing the enemy of the real status of the ship. Almost always the engagement was short and sharp—the submarine was holed at a vital point and sank or the Q-ship went to her doom.

Scores of stories could be told of the gallant fights put up and the names of many of the Q-ships are immortal in the history of the British Navy. One of the earliest was the Prince Charles, and experience with her did much to influence the evolution of the Q-ship. She was a collier and came up against the submarine U-36. The commander of the U-36 began to shell and the collier's panic party tumbled into the boats. The U-boat closed in, when suddenly her crew were amazed to see men on the deck of the Prince Charles clearing tarpaulins. Shells pumped forth, and the submarine attempted to dive but was holed too badly. With a plunge she went to the bottom.

Another was the Heligoland, a sailing vessel of about 310 tons, which made things hot for the U-boats, and time and again she escaped only miraculously. Then there was the Glen, which encountered a submarine and began her play-acting as a terrorised coaster, and the panic party got ready to lower the boat. The enemy drew within 200 yards, and, seeing the "alarm" came nearer still, to within about 80 yards.

Then the Glen opened fire, and shell after shell crashed into the submarine's hull. In fact she was riddled and by diving sealed her own doom. Shortly afterwards another submarine appeared and attempted to fight the Glen, but gave up the task towards dusk, finding the Q-boat crew too tough.

A Hot Combat

The first prize brought in during the war was the German schooner Else, appropriately renamed the Prize, and she became a Q-boat. She worsted the U-boat No. 93 after an epic fight. Trawler Skipper Prewer and six men abandoned the old "coaster" with every evidence of panic, and the submarine commander thought he had an easy prey. He fired shells at her and caused casualties, but the men lay low. The submarine came within 70 yards, and her commander lost all suspicion.

It was the critical moment. The order flashed: "Down screens! Up White Ensign! Open fire!" The Prize fired on, although the submarine answered to the last, and went down burning fiercely. Yet the amazing thing was the survivors on board managed to quell the fire and to regain the surface, and under Lieutenant Ziegler she reached port, a marvellous performance.

One of the finest feats of all was that of the Lowestoft fishing smack, Telesia. She was trawling 35 miles south of that port, and had guns on board. It was about noon when the submarine appeared, and to the skipper's amazement it fired a torpedo, costing hundreds of pounds, at its tiny opponent. The Telesia let fire straight away—there was nothing else to do. Fortunately the missile missed the smack's bows by about four feet, and then the enemy dived.

Half an hour later the enemy reappeared and hoped to finish off the job—and fired another torpedo. This missed and the Telesia answered back full of spirit. She got in two perfect shots and holed the submarine. The U-boat thought it wiser to dive and make off, for a third shot would have been fatal. So rapidly did she dive that her propeller showed. This gallant smack had the honour of appearing in the Naval Review during King George V's Silver Jubilee.

C. Leslie Johnstone.

House Of Commons Debates The War

PREMIER DEFENDS HIS POLICY

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Continuing his speech in the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain next referred to President Roosevelt's definition of moral peace.

"It is to obtain such a peace that we have taken up arms," added Mr. Chamberlain.

"We intend to fight until it has been secured."

The Prime Minister then dealt with the Scapa Flow raid which he described as "an unimportant affair."

Raid A Failure

"If indeed it was a raid upon the fleet in Scapa Flow," he continued, "it must be classed as a failure. Not more than 20 bombs were dropped.

"But perhaps undue attention has been given to what happened because of what is described as 'an unimpeachable communique' from the German High Command." (Laughter).

"We remember their previous 'unimpeachable communiques'. Only one warship was damaged and that damage was minor.

"We must always expect attacks on our fleet bases on our northern and eastern shores but we are confident of our ability to meet them.

"This was the first attack made upon the land. 121 high explosive bombs and 500 incendiary bombs were dropped over an area of a hundred square miles of mainland. There were several civilian casualties including one dead.

"The excuse given by the German High Command is that they were bombing military objectives but whatever their intention may have been the House will note the facts and know that the responsibility for the consequences must rest upon the authors." (Cheers).

"In this grim struggle minor incidents of this kind are of little importance.

Answers Criticism

"There are some who would want a more vigorous policy, who say that by some unexplained imaginative stroke of daring we ought to wrest to ourselves the initiative.

"With the responsibility which rests upon the shoulders of the Government we cannot be hustled into adventures which appear to us to present little chance of success and much chance of danger and perhaps disaster.

"The time and place for us to strike must be decided upon with the most expert advice we can command.

"In the meantime the best way to ensure victory is to preserve unshaken our determination and unity.

"We have redoubtable allies. We have our kinsmen and fellow subjects in the British Empire. We have loyal and trusted friends across the Channel with their magnificent army and unlimited patriotism.

"Best of all, we have the consciousness that what we are fighting for is what every right-minded citizen in the world desires on which to base the establishment of a durable and moral peace such as that of which President Roosevelt spoke," concluded Mr. Chamberlain amid loud cheers.

Mr. Attlee Cautious

The Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee said that Finland's magnificent fight against aggression was in the same cause as that for which Britain was fighting.

The duty of assisting Finland, he said, was not laid only upon Britain but upon all members of the State's League. In this case Norway and Sweden, he said, had not powerful armaments.

He did not like to hear harsh judgment made against people who after all were pretty close to the front line.

The amount of aid Britain could send was conditioned by the extent to which they could act in concert with Sweden and Norway.

Any infringement of their rights was quite unthinkable, he continued.

The Opposition, added Mr. Attlee, were not in a position to say that the British Government could have sent more help with safety, but he would like to be certain that what had been sent was sent in time and without unnecessary delay.

He hoped that the example of this country in helping with the reconstruction of Finland would be followed by others.

Mr. Attlee then asked if Britain was doing all that could be done in the diplomatic, military and economic field.

Must Learn The Lesson

He agreed with Mr. Chamberlain that the lesson they must learn from Finland was that if they wanted to defeat aggression they must stand together.

He trusted that they would be prepared to resist any attack which Hitler might make upon them.

He, however, declared that the policy of sitting quiet would be suicidal and that the initiative must not be left with Hitler.

They must use their material and human resources in the best possible way, he added.

Too Much Unemployed

On the subject of coal he said that too many miners were unemployed for war time. The transport system was wasteful and they should make better use of railroad, canal and sea transport. He was of the opinion that a great deal more direction was wanted there.

They wanted greater utilisation of their man-power and Mr. Attlee reminded the House that there were still 1,400,000 unemployed in Britain.

Sir Archibald Sinclair agreed with Mr. Chamberlain in assigning the proper perspective to the recent engagement at Scapa Flow.

The course of this war had been so unexpected and so quiet, he said, that if a gun went off anywhere the people seemed to assume tremendous things.

They were at war with an immensely powerful and efficient enemy.

The question at issue was whether Europe would relapse back into barbarism and gangster governments or whether they could recreate their civilisation based on freedom, justice and the rule of the law.

The freedom and independence of Poland, Finland, the Baltic and Scandinavian countries depended on the victory of the Allies in this war against Germany, he added.

Sir Archibald then said that they needed to exert themselves to gain this victory.

They must seize the initiative and hold it.

Lopsided, Unwieldy Cabinet

Parliament should consider whether they wanted more efficient National and Imperial instruments of war direction than they possessed.

"It does not look as though the present War Cabinet, lopsided and unwieldy with the present means of Dominion and inter-Allied consultation, is capable of promoting a vigorous and decisive initiative either in the economic, diplomatic or military field," he said.

"It seems to me that we ought to discuss them in a private session. It is too late to save Poland or Finland and we should thrash these things out before our cause suffers another damaging setback."

Belisha's Questions

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the former War Minister, asked whether in their strategy, diplomacy and their total efforts they were doing everything to achieve their aims.

War began with two swift strokes. Poland was annihilated and German commerce was swept from the seas.

Since then Germany had been inactive on land and the Allies had applied a blockade. It was the sole offensive weapon they had employed.

As long as Russia was engaged in active operations in Finland, the date at which Germany could obtain material advantages of her partnership—particularly oil—was being postponed.

It was in the interests of the Allies to maintain the resistance of Finland. It must be assumed from the decision of the Supreme War Council that the sending of a force was practicable and desirable.

From that moment, the action of the Allies should have been clear-cut and decisive. Hesitation might be permissible in the formulation of policy, but surely not in its execution.

Allies Lose Initiative

Events had shown that it was indeed unfortunate that the Allies had allowed their intended initative to be wrested from them. It was known to everybody that the need for men was urgent.

It was only three weeks after the decision was taken by the Supreme War Council and when the Finnish Government were already actually in touch with Moscow that they were informed that the despatch of men as well as materials was contingent on a further appeal being made by them.

Mr. Hore-Belisha referred to the fact that the Norwegian Foreign Minister had stated that a request was made to them to allow troops through only when the Soviet-Finnish talks were already under way.

Could Have Broken Onslaught

There was a uniformity of opinion that powerful onslaughts from the air could have broken the Russian onslaught.

None of the objections raised to the despatch of troops could have prevented the sending of squadrons of the R.A.F.

"Would it not have been worth one month's output from our factories of aeroplanes to save the situation?"

The Allies did not fail in their policy, which was deliberate and well-conceived, nor in their preparations for giving effect to that policy. But if they failed, it was because they were not determined enough and not quick enough in executing their own decisions.

Britain and France hesitated. The enemy acted. Finland was lost.

Total War Demands Total Means

Continuing his address, Mr. Hore-Belisha said that to-day the effects in Europe were everywhere apparent. There were moves towards new alignments.

The war might be static but Hitler and his emissaries were busy.

Mr. Hore-Belisha asked whether they could not counteract the accelerating tendency of neutrals to compound with Germany.

Total war must be won by total means.

He pointed out that the Nazi-Soviet Pact had repelled the sympathies of Italy and Japan with Germany and it was evident now that Germany set great store by the rehabilitation of her friendships.

It would indeed be unfortunate developments if those ideologies were to come together again against the democracies.

The empires of Britain and France were the strongest entities in the world. If they were to carry the cause to victory, they must not only be strong. They must use their strength.

Not A True Picture

Mr. Chamberlain, replying in the debate after announcing the attack on Hornum, referred to the fear expressed by the Opposition Labourite, Mr. Hugh Dalton, that the morale of the country was not being sufficiently sustained by the Government.

The Prime Minister said: "It does not conduce to winning the war to suggest that this country is being outwitted at every turn by our opponents and that our measures to carry the war to a successful conclusion are open to criticism on the ground that there are leaks through which there are supplies into Germany. That is not a true picture."

Mr. Dalton had failed to understand the scale on which we are working and the small proportion to the whole of those leaks. One could not expect to establish a perfect blockade.

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised the difficulty of conducting the blockade and said that Mr. Dalton gave them to understand that no neutral rights should stand if, by violating them, we could damage the enemy.

Forfeited Right Of Appeal

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that we were trying to keep within the rules of international law and said that as far as Germany was concerned she had absolutely forfeited any right of appeal to international law against any violation of that law we might embark upon in order to injure her. But there were very few cases in which the matter was as simple as that.

When it came to infringing the rights of neutrals in our endeavour to engage the enemy at closer quarters, we must have some regard for those international laws to which we had appealed so often ourselves.

Referring to the allegation of Mr. Dalton that Norway had tolerated the violation of her neutrality by German warships, Mr. Chamberlain said the British Navy and Air Force had kept a constant and continuous watch on Norwegian waters to see if German warships were violating them. And had we been able to establish a single case of that kind, we would not have hesitated ourselves to enter those territorial waters and attack such ship. (Cheers).

Peevish And Perverse

Dealing with criticisms regarding the Finnish war, Mr. Chamberlain described Sir Archibald Sinclair's speech as peevish and perverse. He pointed out that the question of sending volunteers never could have played a major part in any assistance which could have been given.

We were told that trained troops were what Marshal Mannerheim wanted. Volunteers never could have made a serious difference in the campaign if they stood alone. We did not know that the situation was deteriorating up to a short time before the final collapse. We were told that the spirit of the army was completely unbroken and they were confident of being able to hold the Mannerheim Line.

It was only really a few days before the final collapse that we were informed that the situation was considered serious.

Referred To Chiefs Of Staff

Mr. Chamberlain said that every request the Finns made to us was referred to the Chiefs of Staff to know whether they considered it was justified in the circumstances in which we found ourselves. If we had considered solely those things which were naturally properly in the minds of the Chiefs of Staff, we should have sent very much less than we did.

The Cabinet took the responsibility and risks in sending equipment and material which we thought might help the Finns to hold out.

Dealing with the criticism that the Government had been too late, Mr. Chamberlain stressed the enormous preparations required for such an expedition and said that the troops had to be specially selected and equipped to work in deep snow. Equipment had to be procured from another country, and transport had to be made ready.

It was not easy to pick up a number of ships at a moment's notice and make them ready for such an expedition. Nevertheless it was done.

Everything was arranged according to a definite timetable.

Why Expedition Did Not Sail

The reason for the Finns' hesitation to make an appeal for assistance was not because the expedition was too small or too late. It was neither hesitation nor vacillation. The only reason the expedition never sailed was because when the time came, the Finns could not make an appeal because Sweden and Norway flatly refused to allow troops to pass through their countries.

Replying to the criticism that Britain might have sent planes, the Prime Minister said that when the Finns requested large quantities of bombers, these could only have been taken from the home defence or the B.E.F. Nevertheless we sympathetically considered the appeal but bombers could not operate without preparation for a ground staff, reserve ammunition and means of repair.

They must be able to operate continuously from Finland. We were ready to supply the crews and a number of bombing planes if the appeal was made, but by that time we knew that negotiations were going on. We were not sure that the fighting would continue and could not contemplate sending large numbers, precious to ourselves, if after all we found that they failed to save the Finns and we could not get them back again.

Even so, in response to an appeal from the Finnish Minister at the last moment, we did send what bombers we could.

Did All We Could

Subject to the responsibility of winning the war against our own enemy, we did all we could in the time (Cheers).

On the question of production, Mr. Chamberlain said that he was convinced that during the next fortnight the House would be able to see an appreciable increase in production of goods. Although differences were expressed this afternoon, these were on the surface of an underlying unity of the parties. (Cheers).

Mr. Chamberlain said that he accepted and subscribed to the words of President Roosevelt the other day regarding what a peace should be.

He concluded: "While we had not embarked on war, I did my best to avert war. Now that I have entered the struggle, I shall be just as determined and just as persistent in achieving the purpose we have in mind as I was in trying to keep the peace before the war started." (Cheers).

Hitler May Tell Of Brenner Parleys

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Hitler may summon the Reichstag in the next few days to hear the result of the Brenner meeting, it is learned from a Berlin source.

The decision probably depends on the final message from Rome after Signor Mussolini's farewell talk with Mr. Sumner Welles.

RIOTS IN LAHORE

25 Killed And 39 Injured

LAHORE, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the police had to fire after being attacked by a band of men from the North-Western Frontier who were trying to hold a procession in military formation in defiance of the Government ban.

Two police officers and 23 of the demonstrators were killed and 39 injured persons are now in hospital.

The District Magistrate was among the injured.

Soldiers Take Over

Military reinforcements have arrived and are patrolling the city.

The men are members of the Moslem movement. They wear uniforms, carry spades and conduct military drills. They have encouraged rival movements among the Hindus.

The aggravation of feeling led the Government to ban all processions of such societies.

Fear Riots At Easter

Strict Precautions By Eire Government

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

DUBLIN, Mar. 19 (UP).—Fears of Easter Week disorders are believed to be responsible for the widespread military activity which has been so noticeable in Eire to-day.

The Governments of Eire and Northern Ireland have both prohibited Easter Week commemorations this year, for the first time in Ireland since 1922.

Republican organisations have completed arrangements for demonstrations, particularly in the Dublin area.

The Government has ordered newspapers not to mention these demonstrations, either in the news or advertising columns.

No Deliberate Attack

Lord Halifax On The Scapa Flow Raid

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Reference was made to the Scapa Flow raid to-day by Lord Halifax in the House of Lords.

He said that from information at his disposal he was of the opinion that there had been no deliberate attack on civilians as such.

"I do not disagree with the suggestion that has been made as to the very legitimate consequences that may be drawn from that attack by the way of action which our own Air Force may take at an appropriate time," he said.

Pointed Observation

Speaking of the Russo-Finnish war, Lord Halifax said, "Your Lordships can rest well assured that we shall not be deflected from our main objective, which is the defeat of Germany, by the fear that any particular action on our part at any time might damage our relations with the Soviet Union.

"I do not think I can define British policy more concisely at this stage."

Tripled Aircraft Production

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—America's production of aeroplane parts and engines has tripled during the past year, President Roosevelt told a Press conference during a discussion on the controversy over the release of planes of recent design to foreign powers.

President Roosevelt said that there was no question of giving away military secrets as the designs of the planes were not secret, but "only devices on them."

TOKYO, Mar. 20 (Domei).—Radio-photo communication was inaugurated between Tokyo and Berlin to-day.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

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T.T. Shanghai	350
T.T. Singapore	52⅜
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30 d/s India	83¾
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.75⅝

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks $	1,500 s & sa.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £	91½ n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £	92 n.
Chartered £	0¼ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	31½ n.
Mercantile, C. £	12⅝ n.
East Asia $	71 n.

INSURANCES

Canton $	232½ b.
Union $	505 n.
China Underwriters $	1 n.
H.K. Fire $	187½ sa.

SHIPPING

Douglases $	150 n.
Steamboats $	10½ n.
Indo-Chinas P$	100 n.
Indo-Chinas D.$	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	78/9 n.
Waterboats $	7½ n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves $	108 sa.
Docks $	23¼ sa.
Providents $	5. sa.
Sh. Docks Sh. $	37½ n.

MINING

Kuilan s/-	19/- n.
Raubs $ x. d.	0.60 n.
Venz. Gold $	4 cts. n.
H.K. Mines	4 n.

LANDS

Hotels $	0.75 s.
Lands $	38 sa.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	15.40 n.
Humphreys $	7¾ n.
H.K. Realties $	5.00 sa.
Chinese Estates $	105 n.

UTILITIES

Trams $	18.20 s.
Peak Trams (old) $	8 n.
Peak Trams (new) $	4 n.
Star Ferries $	68 sa.
Y. Ferries $	72½ n.
China Lights (old) $	8.35 sa.
China Lights (new) $	5.40 n.
H.K. Electrics $	68½ n.
Macao Electrics $	22 n.
Sandakan Lights $	11¼ n.
Telephones (old) $	30.25 sa.
Telephones (new) $	11½ n.
Tractions s/-	20/9 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	23/- n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	14.90 n.
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Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	19.80 sa.
H.K. Ropes $	6.05 s.

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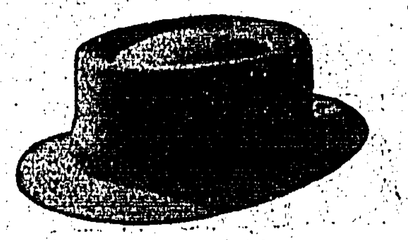
Dairy Farms (old) $	23.10 sa.
Dairy Farms (new) $	22¼ b.
Watsons $	10.05 n.
Lane, Crawfords $	7½ n.
Sinceres $	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	41 n.
Powell, Ltd. $	1 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. $	42¾ n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	170 n.
Zoong Sing, Sh. $	65 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $	48½ n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments $	7.40 b.
Constructions (old) $	1¾ n.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	8 n.
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G. Bonds	51½% n.
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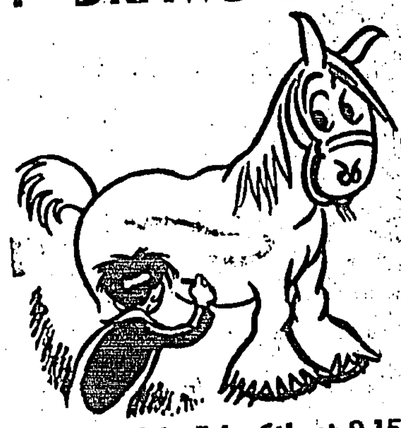
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Around The Courses

CONCEPTIONS OF BODY WEIGHT

A.A. Lopes Wins Senior Championship At Country Club

(By "Birdie")

THE RAINS CAME—and let us thank whom we must for the brief but fairly solid showers that fell on golf courses during the past week. The fairways were quite unrecognisable in the fresh green colour they had put on. The Country Club course at Sheungshiu lost its resilience and its parched appearance, and for the first time in many moons the sand greens played as though of turf.

The great match of the week-end past was the final of the Country Club Championship, in which A. A. Lopes beat E. Sadick 3 and 1, over 36 holes.

Lopes finished the first 18 holes one up, and at one stage in the second 18 Sadick had drawn level, but Lopes gradually forged ahead again, and ultimately became dormie two. He won the 35th and the match, 3 and 1.

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BODY weight seems to be causing as much concern among men as among women in beauty parlour. I don't propose to take sides, and no doubt by this time people have formed opinions of their own. As I gather, there seems to be three schools of thought. (a) Mr. Davidson, who in quoting *The Science Of Golf* by P. Fowlie, M.B., appears to be of the opinion that a golf shot is body from alpha to omega; (b) "The Rough" acknowledges that body weight to a certain extent is essential, but that foremost is the work done by the wrists, and (c) Mr. Scott Harston and Mr. R. Hancock who take up cudgels on behalf of cricketers, and who are of the opinion that body work counts for nothing in making a cricket drive—that it is all a matter of rhythm and timing.

I should like to add my little bit which is again different from any of the foregoing in that, though like "The Rough" I agree that wrist-work and body-work are an essential combination for a golf shot, I would place the body as being the more contributory to force, and, therefore, of primary importance. Unfortunately, in golf, there are two kinds of shots.

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LET us take the drive (or the shots with wooden clubs) first. The wrists are the last members of one's body that come into operation—that is, the club is brought down first by the body pivot, then by the arms,



A. A. LOPES . . . *the new Champion of the Country Club, Sheungshiu. He beat E. Sadick 3 and 1 in the final last Sunday.*

and finally the wrists snap the club head into position at the moment of impact. Now what *should* be considered at the moment of impact is the momentum of the club head and the inertia of the ball. If the one force were equal to the other, the natural reaction would be for the club head to bounce back, but the force of the club-head (I don't know what it is expressed in—foot-pounds or foot-poundals) is its speed multiplied by the weight. And that is something very much greater than the inertia of the ball.

Let us suppose that the speed of the club-head were 100 miles an hour. I don't know whether that is so or not, but it must be something around that figure. Then for the wrists alone to create that speed, they would indeed have to be tremendously strong . . . but, the work of the wrists is not so great. The body and arms bring the club-head down with the greater part of that speed, and all that the wrists do is impart the extra few miles per hour.

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SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 23rd and MONDAY, 25th March, 1940, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The First Bell will be rung at 12 Noon and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 per day for Gentlemen and $3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 10.45 a.m. on both days.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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Lawn Bowls Meeting

ASSOCIATION FINANCES SATISFACTORY

Seeding Suggested For The Championships

A COUNCIL MEETING of the Lawn Bowls Association was held in the Board Room of the "S. C. M. Post" yesterday, and it was arranged that the annual meeting of the Association be held in the same Board Room on Friday, March 29.

Dr. J. T. Smalley, President, presided and was supported by Mr. R. P. Phillips, Hon. Secretary and Mr. L. A. Gutierrez, Hon. Treasurer.

Explaining the balance sheet, Mr. Gutierrez said that last year's working showed a profit of $308, as against a loss of $181 the previous year.

There had been practically no changes in the income and expenditure accounts except that the entrance fees were slightly higher. The position of the Association was very healthy.

It was agreed that the accounts be presented at the annual meeting, subject to audit.

SEEDING SUGGESTION

A LETTER from Mr. B. W. Bradbury, who is on leave, concerning the seeding of certain players in the forthcoming championship this season, was read by the Secretary, and it was recommended that the letter be brought forward to the annual meeting.

A suggestion for a $50 donation to the Children's Playground Association will also be submitted to the annual meeting, as will also a proposal that the League Bowls be maintained.

Macao Interport Soccer Team

Scottish Eleven Chosen For International Cup

MACAO, March 18. With the coincidence of both the hockey and football Interport fixtures which are being staged in Hongkong on the coming Sunday, sport circles in Macao are very enthusiastic and the feeling runs high that the Macao teams stand a fair chance of giving a good acount of themselves.

In the soccer match, Macao is being represented by a fine crew of local First Division players of whom a brief individual pen sketch follows.

Santos is very sure in his position at goal, and in recent trials has shown up as dependable in dangerous moments.

Collaco, captain, has played in both previous Interports. He is so adaptable as an all-round player that he has been appointed to take charge of the defence instead of occupying his usual centre-forward or half-back positions.

Chiu Fu-hon as left back played for Canton Police prior to the Japanese occupation. He is very steady and will work like a Trojan. He clears beautifully.

Lou Hon-san, ex South China player, holds the important pivot position as Macao's centre-half. At all times a fine, clean player.

Magalhaes is Macao's experienced and reliable right-half. Although heavy, he makes up by his quality of feeding the immediate forwards and marking his opponents.

Lau Hing-chol, a fast left half, combines well with the full-backs.

Rego is tricky and has fine speed in the flank position of outside-right.

Joanilho is a hard-working inside right and can be relied upon to combine with Macao's right winger.

Carvalho as centre forward is the most agile player. He possesses exhaustless energy and shoots accurately. Last year's goalie for Macao.

Lau Chung-san is a footballer who having played for South China, is prominent on the forward line and needs little introduction. Always dependable. He is to play inside-left for Macao.

Ip Pou-ton, fast outside-left. Is very tricky and has perfect understanding with his inside-left colleague. Centres beautifully.

Reserves.—Boyes, Cordova, Lau Chung-kuan and Leong Sui-va.

SCOTLAND XI

In the final of the International Charity Cup competition at Sookunpoo on Easter Monday, Scotland will be represented by Duncan; Bone and Blackburn; Birrell, Williamson and Clarke; Munro, Pryde, Coull, Ferrier and Tait.

Reserves.—Parnaby, Dignan, Gordon and Fraser.

QUARTER-FINAL BADMINTON

Eardley And Eardley Have Easy Match In Mixed Doubles

SEVERAL PLAYERS entered the semi-finals of the Colony Badminton Championships as a result of matches played last night at both Taikoo and King's College. H. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley, former Shanghai mixed doubles champions, beat D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson 15-12, 15-0 to enter the mixed doubles semi-final; M. A. Silva and M. A. Oliveira beat A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blythe 15-11, 15-9 to enter the semi-finals of the men's doubles, and N. L. Smith accounted for K. L. Lui 15-0, 15-11 and entered the semi-finals of the Junior Singles championship.

The only other game was at King's College, where C. Au and P. H. Wong beat R. Marques and H. F. Gonsalves 15-7, 15-2 in a first round match of the doubles.

The best game of all was the doubles game, Silva and Oliveira v. Fisher and Wynter-Blythe, at Taikoo. The winners, who are Recrelo's strongest pair in the tournament, formed a brilliant combination. Silva was particularly fine at the net, and his cleverly concealed drop shots gained many points. Oliveira was an accurate and energetic partner.

Wynter-Blythe was the better of the two losers, and was most adept at returning hard smashes from any angle. Fisher, on the other hand, was rather weak with his back-hand, and dropped several points with feeble returns.

The scores were never steady, and were in continual fluctuation. At the critical moments, however, the Recrelo pair became the steadier and were thus able to clinch the games.

EASIER GAMES

IN NONE of the other games could the winners be said to have been extended. The mixed doubles combination of H. and Miss Eardley showed a noticeable slackening in the first set when leading 11-3, and as a consequence their opponents crept up to 12 before the game ended. There was never any doubt in the second game.

C. Au and Patrick H. Wong, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. pair, also had a comparatively easy match against Marques and Gonsalves. At no time were they extended.

In the junior match, N. L. Smith, favourite for the title, was far superior with his all-round form. Lui, his opponent, was almost run off his feet, and his short returns were disastrous for himself.

Open Doubles Match On Friday

The remaining first round match in the Colony Open Badminton doubles championship, K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew v. H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung, will be played off at King's College on Friday, March 22, at 2 College on Friday, March 22, at 8 p.m.

GRAND NATIONAL STARTERS AND CALL-OVER

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The following are the probable starters and jockeys for the Grand National Steeplechase, which will be held at Aintree, Liverpool, on April 5.

Royal Mail (Williams); Royal Daniell (Moore); Professor II (Owen); The Uplifter (Danny Morgan); Dunhill Castle (Parvin); Rockquilla (Carey); Workman (Hyde); Blackhawk (Rimell); Kilstar (Archibald); Red Eagle (Elder); Dominick's Cross (Mitchell); Away (Coleman); Timber Wolf (Nicholson); Hillhead Prince (Wilson); Macmoffat (Alder); John Chinaman (Magee); Milano (M. Jones); Knightsbrook (Moloney); Venturesome Knight (Mr. Tweedie); Litigant (Mr. Black); Le Cygne (O'Grady); Symaethis (Feakes); Inversible (Hogan); Bogskar (Foley); Boyo (Taylor); National Night (H. Jones); Takvor Pacha (Major Prio Palmer); Cornlaw (Myles); Luxborough (no jockey); Lazy Boots (Ward); Prime (Mr. Marsh); Cordite I (Morgan); Under Bid (Bissill); Bachelor Prince (no jockey); Downright (Capt. Seeley); Tuck Mill (Kelly); Gold Arrow (Lay); Second Act (Doweswell); Red Freeman (Redmond); Sterling Duke (Brogan).

Airgeadsios will be scratched, and Chesterton, Ballyfox, and Young Mischief are doubtful starters.

Latest Call-Over

Following is the latest call-over Kilstar 15 to 2 o; Professor II 100 to 9 o, 12 to 1 t., Royal Daniell 100 to 7., Sterling Duke 20 to 1 o., Venturesome Knight 33 to 1 t and o., Inversible 33 to 1 o.

Lincolnshire Probable Starters

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Following are the probable starters and jockeys for the Lincolnshire Handicap, which will be run on April 3 over a mile.

Golden Sovereign (Beary); Hotbun II (San Wragg); Broomps-a-Daisy (Nevett); Wonersh (Weston); Titan (E. Smith); Quartier Maitre (Gordon Richards); Southport (Lowrey); Floretti (Lane); Paul Beg (Gunn); Davy Dolittle (A. Burns); Squadron Castle (Dyson); Aldine (Richardson) Reynards Lodge (Wells); Mr. Snodgrass (Bevans); Rose Town (D. Smith); Tiree Garl (Tucker); Uncle Archie (Mullins); Punt Gun (Dick); Hamac (Sharpe); Bannymede (Nicholl). The following probables are without jockeys.—Time Step, Nagor, Elinca, Corena. Doubtful starters are Fast Step, Fairfox, King's Gap, Spliced and Straight Four.

Call-Over

Following is the latest call-over for the Lincolnshire.—Quartier Maitre 7 to 1 o, 15 to 2 t., Titan 15 to 2 o, 8 to 1 t., Time Sep 100 to 6., Wonersh 100 to 7., Aldine 100 to 6., Southport 20 to 1 o.

Y. M. C. A. Hockey Team

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. Hockey team against the Khalsa Association on the "Y" ground to-morrow at 5 p.m.:

Colledge; Jordan and Tomlinson; Smits, McLellan and Waldron; A. N. Other, White, Pennington, Elsly and Highlands.

St. Paul's College Athletic Meet

The 31st annual athletic sports of St. Paul's College will be held on the South China A.A. ground, Caroline Hill, on March 29 from 1.30 to 6 p.m. Mrs. E. G. Stewart will distribute the prizes.

LA SALLE COLLEGE ATHLETIC MEETING

Several Seconds Clipped Of 800-Metre Records

SEVERAL SECONDS were taken off the Senior and Junior 800-metre records of La Salle College at their annual sports meeting which concluded yesterday on the College grounds. L. Silva was timed at 2 mins. 17 secs. for the Senior event, which time is four seconds better than the previous record set up by A. Ulrich in 1937, while B. Alonco clocked 2 mins. 27.5 secs. for the Junior event, bettering L. Xavier's 1938 record by no less than 10 seconds.

In the Individual Championships, L. Xavier won the Senior Cup, while A. Azevedo annexed the Junior Cup, presented by Ricci Hall. The Midgets Individual Championship was shared by L. Azevedo and E. Silva with 18 points.

At the conclusion of the Meet, Mr. L. G. Morgan, of the Education Department, distributed the prizes, at the same time congratulating the boys on their fine show under such improvised conditions.

THE RESULTS

The results were:

Scouts' Race (11th Kowloon Troop).—1, M. Ng and Hong Lau-chiu; 2, Kin Kun-chiu and Shui Kong-ho.

Potato Race (Midget and Sub-midget).—1, B. Souza; 2, H. Melbye.

800 metres (Senior).—1, L. Silva; 2, F. Soares; 3, R. Remedios. Time.—2 mins. 17 secs. (Record).

800 metres (Junior).—1, B. Alonco; 2, G. Blone; 3, N. Xavier. Time.—2 mins. 27.5 secs. (Record).

Old Boys' Race (800 metres).—1, F. Gonsales; 2, A. Sequeira.

Teachers' Race (Egg and Spoon Race).—1, G. Lenz; 2, P. Ulrich.

1,500 metres (Senior).—1, L. Silva; 2, M. Xavier; 3, M. Chen. Time.—5 mins. 23 secs.

Obstacle Race (Midget and sub-midget).—1, J. Barton; 2, L. Sequeira.

Boarders' Race (Senior).—1, A. Gottsche; 2, M. Matute.

Inter-School Relay.—1, Wah Yan; 2, Queen's College.

Inter-class Relay (Junior).—1, Class 2A; 2, Class 4A.

Inter-class Relay (Senior).—1, Class 2A; 2, Matric; 3, Class 3A.

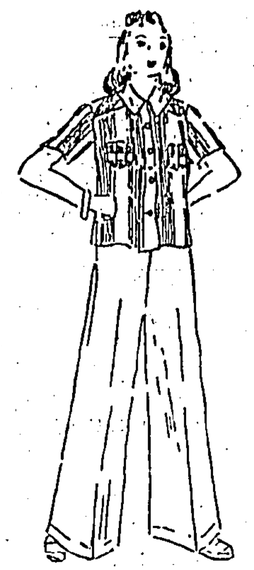
Inter-class Relay (Midget).—1, Class 6A; 2, Class 5A; Class 7A.

Tug-of-war, Inter-class (Junior).—Won by Class 2A. Runners-up Class 4A.

Tug-of-war, Inter-class (Senior).—Won by all. Runners-up Matric.

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Eden May Become Minister For Air

Cabinet Re-shuffle Indicated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, March 18 (Domei).—A reshuffle of the Chamberlain Cabinet with a view to reinvigorating Britain's war policy is near at hand, according to the London Bureau of the "Associated Press."

The report says that political circles in London believe that a reorganization of the British Cabinet is inevitable.

The "Associated Press" further asserts that Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, Mr. Leslie Burgin, the Minister of Supply, and Lord Hankey, the Minister without Portfolio, will probably retire and will be replaced by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Dominions Secretary, Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Labour Party, and Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberal Party respectively.

It is understood that the forthcoming reshuffle will bring about a National Cabinet to cope with the war.

Some circles suggest that Mr. Lloyd George, the Prime Minister during the last War, will also be enlisted.

Premier Gives No Hint

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Retuer).—For many weeks past an idea has been [illegible] that there might be some reconstruction in the Government at [illegible] Reuter's Lobby Correspondent.

The three main reasons advanced by the prophets for his reconstructions are:—

(1) The War Cabinet is too large.

(2) The personnel needs overhauling.

(3) There is a general lack of drive in the Government's war policy.

Thus to-day's big speech by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons was awaited with special interest as likely to show the temper of the House towards the Government in particular and the direction of the war in general.

Little Criticism

The chief Opposition speeches which followed the Prime Minister's speech showed an understanding of the Government difficulties and even Mr. Hore-Belisha's close adherents would be unlikely to deny that his speech stirred no dissentient chord in any other quarters.

Indeed he was heard in almost total silence until the point at which he said that Czechoslovakia's cause was a righteous one—whereupon the loud ironical cries of "You were in the Government" were heard from the Opposition.

Whatever changes in the personnel which Mr. Chamberlain might have in mind for the Easter recess—and well-informed quarters continue to discount any such intention—they will not be a result of to-day's debate.

Made Out Good Case

The first impression gained from the reception of the Prime Minister's speech is that the House feel that he made a good case in regard to Finland and that if there is to be any further discussion of the war capacity of the Government it must await another secret sitting.

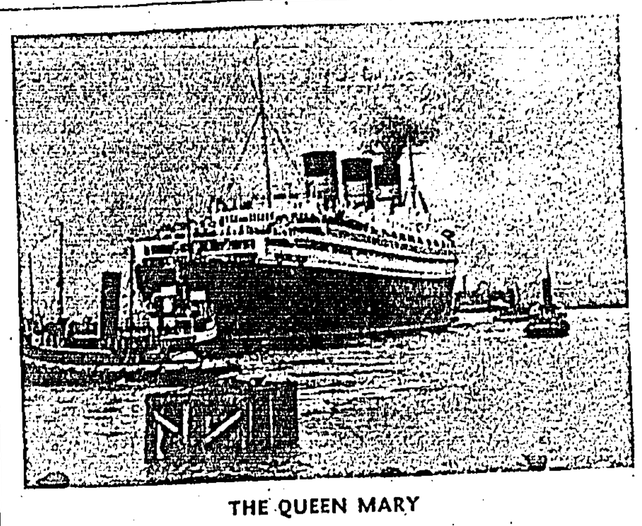
One of the outstanding features of the comments heard is that there is a universal regard for Finland and an understanding of the difficulties of the northern countries.

General Wavell's Visit To S. Africa

CAPETOWN, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—General Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in the Middle East, will fly from Capetown Rand to-day in a South African Air Force bomber.

General Wavell who arrived on Sunday for consultations with the Union Government yesterday visited the various defence points on the Cape peninsula.

He lunched with His Excellency and Lady Duncan and dined last night with General Smuts, the Prime Minister.



THE QUEEN MARY

2 GIANT LINERS FOR AUSTRALIA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 19 (UP).—Reports that the 81,200-ton Cunard-White Star liner Queen Mary and the 34,000-ton Mauretania are leaving New York for an Australian port now appear to be confirmed.

The greatest secrecy is being observed regarding the ultimate destination of the two great British liners, and reports that they are to be used for the transport of troops from the Antipodes to the war zone cannot be officially confirmed.

Some circles believe that the two ships are en route to Australia to remain there for the duration of the war.

It is pointed out in this connection that the New York harbour dues of the Queen Mary alone is US$5,000 a week.

There are only three deep-water harbours in Australia capable of accommodating the Queen Mary. These are Albany in Western Australia, Port Darwin in North Australia and Sydney.

Naval Protection

Reliable sources state that the two ships will sail in convoy, protected by units of the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal Navy, on Thursday.

They are both painted battleship grey, and appear drab in comparison with their pre-war colours.

Over seven hundred sailors have arrived from England by the Cunard White Star liner Antonia and have been transferred to the Queen Mary and Mauretania, which have had only skeleton crews since they have been laid up.

This morning, for the first time in six months, smoke is pouring from the funnels of the two ships, indicating that their departure is imminent.

New York police guards have been warned to flash headquarters if any planes approach the two vessels at an altitude of less than 1,000 feet.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

Business was on a restricted scale. One reason for this would appear to be that sellers are not disposed to lower their prices. This is well borne out by the prices paid for such transactions as recorded during the day.

Buyers

Docks $23
Providents $5.20
Realties $4.95
Tramways $18
Star Ferries $67½
China Lights (Old) $8.20
China Lights (New) $5.40
Electrics $68¼
Entertainments $7.40

Sellers

Docks $23½
Hotels $5¾
Lands $38
Tramways $18.20
Yaumati Ferries $27½
Telephones (Old) $30½
Ropes $6.05

Sales

H.K. Bank $1,500
Fire Insurances $187½
Wharves $108
Docks $23¼
Providents $5¼
Lands $38
Realties $5
Tramways $18.10
Star Ferries $68
China Lights (Old) $8.30/.35
Telephones (Old) $30¼
Cements $19.00
Ropes $6
Dairy Farms (Old) $23.10

Press Opinions

Sympathetic Roosevelt

Supporting Cause Of The Allies

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The New York "Mirror" says: "Certainly President Roosevelt is sympathetic to the cause of the Allies and antagonistic to the cause of the Dictators. Certainly he sent Mr. Sumner Welles to Europe to find out how America can help to effect a peace that will not embarrass or jeopardise the interests of the Allies."

The Swiss Press attitude to the Hitler-Mussolini meeting is best summed up by the "Bund," which says: "We cannot help believing that Hitler's journey must have some connection with Mr. Welles' last days in Europe."

The article ends: "The political significance of the meeting will consist in Mussolini once more reminding Hitler that Italy's actions are conditioned by Italy's interests and nothing else."

Idle Talk

The "Basler Machrichten" says: "In Rome there is much idle talk of a possible change of Italian policy towards Russia, but opinion here maintains that there is no good reason now why Italy should want this."

The "Zurchers" says: "In Berlin and in transport circles here, it is believed that an increase in coal deliveries to Italy via Brenner is only possible if tremendous efforts are made and precise time-tabling and organisation introduced. The slightest interruption will endanger the whole."

Soviet Press Views

Foreign news columns in the Soviet Press are lately occupied mainly with the following themes: (1) The Imperialists, thwarted in the plot to force Scandinavia into a war against the U.S.S.R., are now busily trying to create a new war front elsewhere. Only the peace-loving policy of the U.S.S.R. has, till now, kept the European war from becoming a world conflagration;

(2) British designs in the Near East generally and the Balkans in particular are proved, by the presence of large numbers of British troops in Egypt, Irak, Palestine and Kenya, and the army in the Near East under General Weygand;

(3) The Imperialists hope to repeat the "Finnish experiment."

The Russian Aim

These three tendentious reports, published daily, are designed to show an imminent conflict between the Allies and Italy as the result of ambitions clashing over the Balkans, the Suez Canal, etc.

The London "Times," in a leader entitled "Fishing For Information," points out that the German attack on [illegible] was a duck. The German Command must, therefore, rely on such information as the British Government can be induced to vouchsafe.

The favourite German device is to vociferate inflated claims in the hope to provoke Admiralty detailed denials, from which reliable information could be deduced.

BRITAIN'S BUDGET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 19 (UP).—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon announced in the House of Commons to-day that he will present the Budget on April 23.

Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, announced that the Anglo-Spanish Loan and Payments agreement was signed in Madrid on Monday.

Optimistic Hitler

Sees Success In New Peace Offensive

BERLIN, Mar. 19 (UP).—Hitler and his Foreign Minister arrived here at 11.25 a.m. to-day.

The Fuehrer was in excellent spirits and proceeded immediately to the Chancellory where he conferred with Goering and his military leaders.

Triangular Talks Soon

Informed quarters here understand that ranking Soviet officials, at present in Berlin, will soon begin triangular talks. The German Ambassadors Schulenberg and Von Papen are returning from the Balkans and Turkey to report before Easter.

Informed sources said that Moscow is shortly to be co-ordinated in the German-Italian programme to neutralise Anglo-French influence in the southeast. It is also understood that Hitler told Mussolini that Italy's political collaboration will be sufficient to force peace on the basis of the German-Italian terms.

Irrevocable Decisions

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Wilhelmstrasse spokesmen told neutral correspondents that people abroad still did not seem to understand that the German Government had taken two decisions:

(1) To continue the war until complete victory is achieved;

(2) After victory to secure Germany's vital interests once and for all, and end the eternal menace of the plutocratic democracies.

In the meantime the Wilhelmstrasse is openly discussing the desirability of a better understanding between Russia and Italy.

"Reuter" understands that a visit by Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, to Moscow is still possible.

Nothing More To Say

BERLIN, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—An inspired statement denying peace plan rumours declares that Germany has nothing to say on the question of peace after the rejection of the Fuehrer's offer on October 6, 1939, an offer made only once.

Welles As Pawn

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Official quarters here persist in affirming that Mr. Sumner Welles had no hand in the Brenner Conference.

It is suggested here that Hitler is seeking to use Mr. Sumner Welles' presence for his own purposes.

The press here are of the opinion that Hitler is probably toying with the idea of bringing about improved Russo-Italian relations and that Mussolini will consider the stabilisation of the Balkans worth the price of shaking hands with Moscow.

According to the "Baltimore Sun", President Roosevelt is considering the resumption of full diplomatic relations with Germany and his choice for United States Ambassador for Berlin will probably be Mr. Clarence Piecatt, leading figure in Quaker relief work and peace activities.

Camouflage Pioneer Dies In London

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Aubrey Hammond, the well-known artist and stage designer.

He was also a pioneer of camouflage.

NO PEACE BASIS

Despondency Follows Welles' Visit

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP). — Mr. Stephen Early, Secretary to the White House, to-day said official advices from Europe make the peace headlines seem empty.

"On the basis of all authoritative reports received and carefully read and analysed by President Roosevelt, there seems no basis in fact for the reports published, neither do they give an authoritative basis for peace."

Welles' Work Finished

ROME, March 19 (UP).—Mr. Sumner Welles, following a luncheon with Count Ciano to-day, announced the official conclusion of his talks with European statesmen and leaders.

He leaves Rome for Genoa at 11 o'clock to-night and will arrive at 6.30 a.m. to-morrow when he boards the Conte di Savoia which sails for New York at noon.

Meanwhile, Signor Virginio Gayda, writing in the Giornale d'Italia to-day says: "The Brenner Pass talks have two well-defined aims: firstly, the construction of a better Europe based on the equality of rights; secondly, the protection of Italian interests in this new Europe alongside the safeguarding of German interests.

"It is absurd and grotesque for the democracies to continue to attribute to Mussolini the role of European peacemaker."

Peace Plan Discounted

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The reports of the German 11-point peace plan are discounted by Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's private secretary, who told reporters that no information had been transmitted to the United States Government to support the published reports of such a plan.

On the basis of authoritative reports received by the United States Government, the "peace headlines would appear to be very empty," he said.

Mr. Early added that President Roosevelt had carefully read and analysed all reports received.

Purely Propaganda

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Commenting on the well-publicised 11 point peace plan, a diplomatic observer here says that whether true or false they do represent the kind of peace which could be expected from the Nazis.

For propaganda purposes there is a reference to disarmament and liberty of trade.

There is a sop for Italy in the clauses about Djibouti and the Suez Canal and a sop for Britain in the clause saying that 20 years should be allowed for the solution of the colonial problem.

Beyond that, however, Germany would get everything she wants in Europe and there would be no way to right the wrongs she has inflicted on her neighbours.

Whatever the facts behind this widely reported 11 point peace plan, the plan may well be a sample of the sort of plan the Nazis would put forward—a mixture of generalisation appealing for liberal world sentiment and cynical disregard of the real objects for which this war is being fought.

Peace Offensive Ridiculed

ROME, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The idea of a peace offensive by Signor Mussolini has been scouted by Signor Gayda.

Writing in the "Giornale D'Italia", Gayda says it is grotesque for the democracies to insist on fixing on Il Duce the permanent task of being an intermediary.

"It is unthinkable," he says, "that Il Duce should visit the capital in Europe in a peace movement for which no Government is yet asking."

Did Not See Mussolini

ROME, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles did not see Signor Mussolini to-day.

However he lunched with Count Ciano at the Rome Golf Club. The two statesmen remained in conversation for a couple of hours after lunch.

The American Ambassador was present at the luncheon.

Mr. Sumner Welles is leaving for Genoa this evening and will embark on the Conte de Savoia to-morrow.

Confers With Colleague

ROME, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—During his stay, Mr. Sumner Welles conferred with Mr. F. P. Hibbard, First Secretary of the United States Legation at Bucharest, whom he had specially summoned from the Rumanian capital.

FRENCH CABINET REORGANISATION

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—According to a French radio announcement, reorganisation of the French Cabinet is imminent.



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Let's make memories to-night.
F1528—Roses are blooming in loveland The Organ, Dance Band and Me.
You made me care.
F1511—Goodnight my darling goodnight The Organ, Dance Band and Me.
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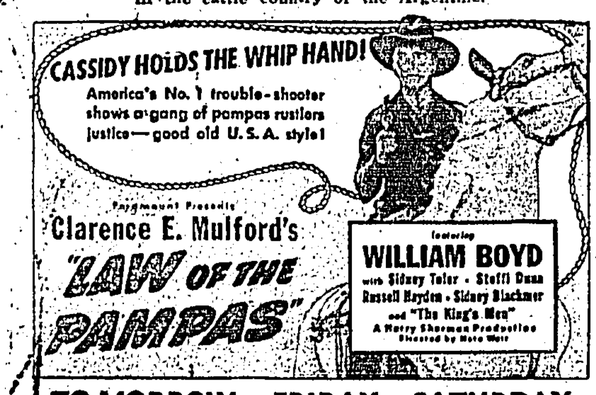
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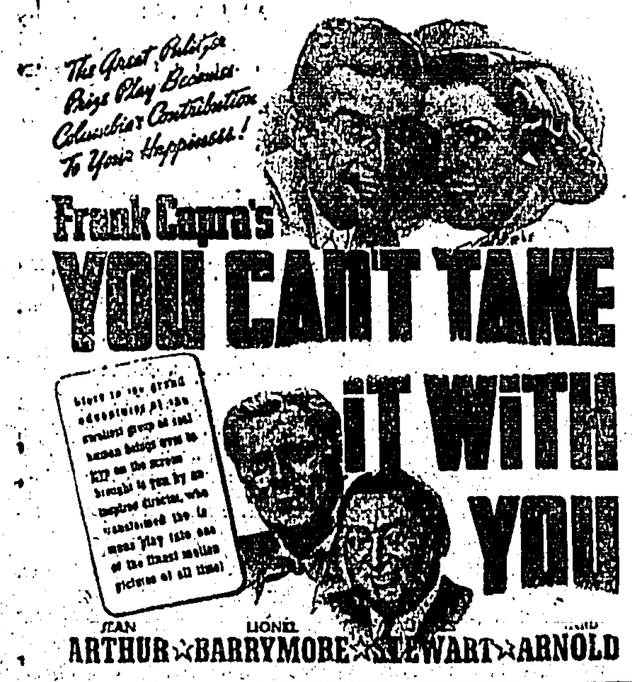
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AMMUNITION DUMP BLOWN UP AT HORNUM

FROM PAGE ONE

series of smaller explosions, the R.A.F. bomb obviously having hit the Nazi munitions depot.

The gigantic explosion was followed by a perfect frenzy of anti-aircraft fire, tracer projectiles of all colours lighting up the sky.

"It was as if a wall of fire had broken out right across the island," said the Correspondent.

DRAMATIC BROADCAST FROM PARTICIPANTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AS THIS EDITION OF THE "TELEGRAPH" WENT TO PRESS AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF R.A.F. BOMBERS WERE ENGAGED ON A BOMBING RAID ON NAZI AIR BASES ON THIS ISLAND OF SYLT.

THE RAID, IN WHICH AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF PLANES ARE TAKING PART, IS STILL IN PROGRESS.

The only details received by the Air Ministry in London are conveyed in brief radio messages from the planes engaged in the raid, says "United Press."

The R.A.F. attack started while the House of Commons was in session last night.

Members were electrified when the Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, rose to make an announcement.

He told the House that brief radio messages had been received from one of the leading machines, giving details of the raid.

SEVERELY DAMAGED

As the British machines finished their story to London, bombs were dropping on Hornum, the Nazi air base on the Island of Sylt.

One message relayed the information that the Nazi base had been severely damaged.

Full details of the raid are still awaited from the British machines.

This is the first time in the history of aerial warfare that the story of a battle has been released for publication while the battle has been in progress.

Only the science of modern radio communication has made it possible.

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter). —The Air Ministry made the following announcement early this morning:

"The Air Force attacked and severely damaged the German air base at Hornum on the island of Sylt to-night.

"This is one of the shore bases from which enemy aircraft operate against British naval forces and merchant shipping.

"This action follows the attack upon our own shore bases in the Orkneys."

The attack on Hornum was quickly announced in the House of Commons by the Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood.

The Minister said the report was based on a wireless message received from one of the leading machines.

He understood that the attack was still continuing.

Claim Raider Downed

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The Germans claim that one British bomber was brought down in the Sylt raid, an official Nazi news agency says. A house was set on fire, otherwise no damage was done, the agency adds. The bombers flew over in three waves, the first at 7.57 p.m., the second at 8.58 p.m. and the third at 9.16 p.m.

WIFE AND MAN GIVE LIVES FOR BOY

IN trying to rescue a boy who fell into a reservoir at Fagley Woods, Bradford, Mrs. Gath, thirty-two of Norbury-road, Bradford, and Mr. Bewell, of Ranelagh-avenue, Bradford, lost their lives.

The boy, Leslie Harvey, of Hatton-terrace, Eccleshill, was also drowned.

A thirteen-year-old girl, Joan Cartwright, of Hall-road, Bradford, went to his rescue.

Then Mr. Bewell and Mrs. Gath tried to save the boy and girl. They, too, fell into thirty feet of water.

Edward McLoughlin, aged fifteen, and Thomas Ward, both of Ranelagh-avenue, tried to assist.

Ward tied a rope to a pole and pushed it along to Mrs. Gath. She failed to hold it.

McLoughlin succeeded in rescuing Joan Cartwright.

Fell In

Maureen Gath, nine-year-old daughter of the dead woman, said: "I was playing with ten other children when Leslie Harvey fell in.

"Joan Cartwright went to Leslie's aid and cries of the children attracted Mr. Bewell, who ran to the side and dived in. As he approached Leslie he went under.

"Then I saw mother come rushing towards the dam, and, although she is a non-swimmer, she went in and tried to reach Leslie. Mr. Bewell had then disappeared."

Mrs. Gath's husband is believed to be on active service in the Army.

Harvey's father stood on the bank of the reservoir assisting in the rescue operations, while Mrs. Bewell watched for a time from her garden near by.

2000 Scientists Can Find No Work in War

MOSQUITO EXPERT DUSTS BOOKS

MORE than 2000 British scientists, whose skill and knowledge could be of great use in the country's war effort, are unemployed, it is revealed by the secretary of the Association of Scientific Workers.

Many scientists whose research laboratories were closed down at the beginning of the war have been absorbed into various Government departments, but in a number of cases have been given purely administrative positions, in which their specialised experience is not needed.

The secretary of the association said: "Our chief criticism is that many of the laboratories which have been closed down were concentrating on improving nutritive values of foodstuffs, which is even more valuable in war-time than in peace.

Outstanding Authority

"There would have been far less difficulty regarding food rationing and agricultural planning if the scientific viewpoint had been considered more."

As I turned to leave the Bedford-row headquarters of the association I saw a man dusting copies of scientific publications.

Although in his early thirties, he is one of the outstanding authorities on combating the spread of the mosquito pest. He had been unemployed since war began.

LATE NEWS

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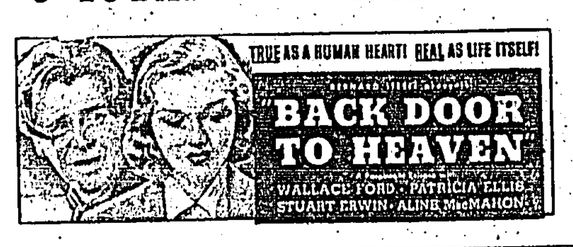
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Harpist To Give Recital In Colony

The public will have the opportunity of hearing two artists new to Hongkong at the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel at 9.15 p.m. on Thursday, March 28. They are Solange Renie (Mde. J. Siguret), harpist, and Angelika Meesler-Steinschneider, mezzo-soprano. Mr. J. R. M. Smith is prevented by illness from conducting the string orchestra, which will now be under the direction of Professor N. A. Tonoff.

Solange Renie is the niece and pupil of the famous French harpist, Henriette Renie, one movement of whose harp concerts she will play with the orchestra. She will also play with the orchestra Debussy's Dance Sacree and Dance Profane and in addition two groups of harp solos.

Solange Renie studied at the Conservatoire de Paris, and was one of the members of the Renie Septette where she took the place of Grandjany on his departure for America. Since coming to the Far East (where her husband is in the French Consular Service) she has given many successful concerts in Shanghai, Singapore, Tientsin and Japan, and recently was invited by Mde. M. Quezon, wife of the President of the Philippines, to give private concerts for her. Solange Renie will also give a short radio broadcast on March 21.

In addition, Angelika Meesler-Steinschneider, mezzo-soprano from the Vienna Opera, will contribute two groups of songs.

The concert is being arranged by the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China and the proceeds will be used for the Kweiyang Orthopaedic Hospital for wounded and disabled soldiers and civilians. Tickets, at $2 each, may be obtained from the office of the Foreign Auxiliary, Gloucester Building, First Floor, Room 3, or the Anderson Music Company.

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Sylt Raid Latest

BRITISH PLANES CONTINUE RAIDS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 20, 4 a.m. (Noon H.K.T.) (U.P.).—It is officially announced that the R.A.F. raids on the Sylt are still continuing.

Another squadron of British machines bombed the Nazi base shortly after 3 a.m., making the eighth consecutive hour in which the sky has been darkened by R.A.F. bombers.

So far, it appears that the British losses are only one machine.

PLANE FALLS IN FLAMES

("UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

TOENDER, Denmark, Mar. 20 (UP).—I have just talked by telephone with the coastguard on Fanoe Island, a small Danish outpost near the Sylt.

He told me that he saw a plane fall in flames off the west coast of Fanoe, and believes that the machine fell into the sea.

Another raid was launched on the Sylt at 2.30 a.m., when R.A.F. planes appeared from the south and launched a number of bombs on Hornum.

It is estimated that 108 high explosive bombs have exploded between 7 p.m. and 2.30 a.m., and the raids show no signs of ending.

Danes Watch Battle

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Hundreds of Danes in West Denmark and Romoe Island watched the big air raid on Sylt, which was still continuing early this morning.

It was apparently being carried out by waves of bombers every half hour.

Shortly before midnight, a plane was seen to drop several bombs on List. Soon afterwards the plane was seen falling in flames and crashed on the beach.

The Danes saw it blazing on the water's edge.

At 2.05 a.m., a bomber dropped several bombs on the Hindenburg Dam. Huge flames and smoke arose from the spot.

Fire Starts

A report from the Danish mainland says that a fire seems to have started in Northern Sylt.

Still In Progress

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry communique says that the attack on Hornum Air Base started at 8 p.m. and was still in progress at 3 a.m.

The first aircraft to participate had already returned safely and the cap-

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LATEST

Mercantile Bank Dividend

The Hongkong Branch of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., has received a telegram from the Head Office in London advising that at the Annual General Meeting of shareholders a Final Dividend of 6 per cent. on the "A," "B" and "C" shares will be recommended (making 12 per cent. for the year less Income Tax) £25,000 written off Landed and House property, £30,000 Contingency account, £179,039 carried forward to 1940 account.

SEES ITALY AS NAZI ALLY

TOKYO, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—If the European war spreads to the Balkans, Italy will be sure to discard her present neutral attitude and take sides with Germany, in order to protect her access to the natural resources of the Balkans," said Col. Karakawa, Japanese Attache to Rome.

He told this to pressmen upon his return to Tokyo to-day from Rome.

CONVOY SYSTEM BEATS U-BOATS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 19 (UP).—The convoy system has broken the back of Germany's U-Boat warfare, as it did in the last war.

The Admiralty announced to-day that the entire Allied and neutral merchant shipping losses as a result of submarine and mine action last week totalled only 23,992 tons. Almost all this tonnage was sunk by magnetic mines.

The ships comprised three British, two French and four neutral vessels.

Submarine Campaign Fails

Only four ships have been sunk by U-Boats since February 24. This is a clear indication that the Nazi submarine warfare has failed.

The opinion is now expressed in London that U-Boat losses have been so heavy that Germany has recalled all submarines, since there has been no attacks on shipping for some days now.

Despite the advantage enjoyed by Germany as a result of illegal methods of warfare such as mines and a "sink on sight" policy, and also by the fact that most of her shipping has been swept from the seas, Germany's losses last week exceeded those of Britain and France combined and were only 7,000 tons less than the combined losses of Allies and neutrals.

Germany's Losses

Among the German shipping casualties for the same week in which 23,992 tons of Allied and neutral ships were sunk, were the Hannover (5,537 tons), captured and taken to Kingston, Jamaica on March 13; the La Coruna (7,414 tons) scuttled by her own crew, and the Escherchelm (3,305 tons) scuttled off the coast of Jutland on March 13.

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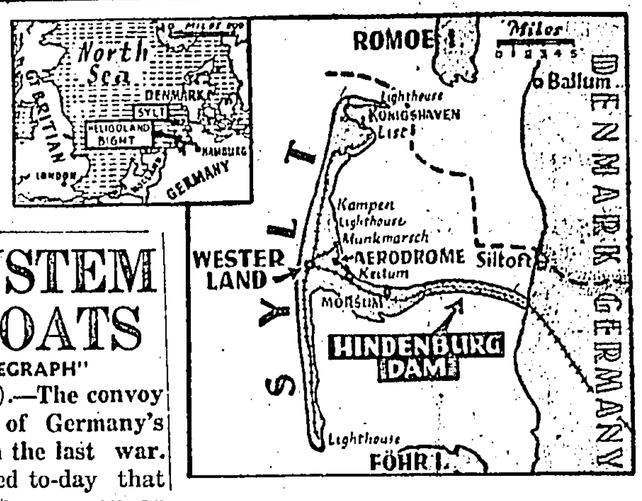
Yangtse Reopening: New Promise

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NANKING, Mar. 20 (Domei).—An assurance that the Yangtse River would be re-opened to third Power shipping as soon as possible was given last night by General Nishio, Supreme Commander of the Japanese Forces in China, in an interview with Mr. H. H. Thomas, British Consul at Shanghai, and Mr. E. F. Stanton, U. S. Consul at Nanking.

Various hazards still existed along the river, however, he claimed.

PARIS, Mar. 20 (UP).—A new reciprocal trade agreement has been concluded between Spain and Japan. It provides for the exchange of goods to the value of eight million Yen.



WHY SYLT IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT TARGET

FEW PEOPLE HAD ever heard of Sylt before the war. Its military importance began when Hitler ordered it fortified and converted into a base for U-Boats and aircraft in 1934.

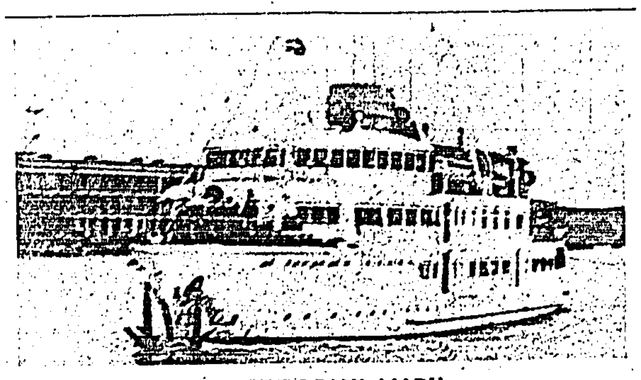
It is the largest German-owned island outside the Baltic, the total area being 39 square miles.

To a large extent it has taken the place of Heligoland, nearly 40 miles away, as the main island target in the North Sea close to the German coast.

List, one of the towns bombed last night, is the chief harbour. The aerodrome which was bombed is near the centre of the island.

The island is connected to the mainland by the so-called Hindenburg Dam, which was also bombed. It is seven miles in length and cost 20,000,000 marks.

Since 1937, the island of Sylt has been a close military zone.



THE SHIROGANI MARU

Amazing Incident On O.S.K. Ship in H'kong

THE ALLEGED abduction and imprisonment of a Hongkong police constable aboard a Japanese steamer in Hongkong harbour led to a police raid on the O.S.K. wharves on Monday.

The raid was for the purpose of preventing the departure of the Japanese ship, the O.S.K. Canton-Hongkong ferry Shirogani Maru.

According to a report to the police, the Chinese police constable, C-41, was arrested by the Japanese on the afternoon of March 17.

He had been a passenger with his mother and wife from Canton. When the Shirogani Maru berthed, the Chinese constable discovered that one of his suit-cases was missing, and commenced to search for it.

It is alleged that he was thereupon arrested, put in a cabin and locked in.

Reported By Mother

The constable's mother reported her son's detention to the police, and a European official was sent to the ship to make enquiries.

It is alleged that the Japanese officers aboard the ship refused to hand the police officer over. The Japanese consul was informed, and the Consul, Mr. T. Oda, also attempted, without success, to secure the release of the man.

As the Shirogani Maru was due to sail at 8 a.m. on Monday, it was decided to send a squad of police to the wharf to prevent her departure until the British subject had been released. The police arrived at the wharf at 11 p.m.

As a result of the refusal of the British authorities to permit the departure of the Japanese ship until the man was released, the departure of the vessel was delayed. Ultimately, at 8 p.m. on Monday, the captain of the Shirogani Maru consented to hand over the man, and the vessel shortly afterwards departed for Canton.

Soldiers On Board

The Government is still awaiting a detailed report of the incident from

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BIG MUNITION DUMP BLOWN SKY-HIGH

By REUEL S. MOORE
UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, MAR. 20 (UP).—BRITAIN TOOK SWIFT VENGEANCE LAST NIGHT FOR THE NAZI RAID ON THE ORKNEY ISLANDS.

IN THE GREATEST AIR RAID OF THE WAR, PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST SUSTAINED THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN, R.A.F. BOMBERS RAINED A NIGHT-LONG STREAM OF BOMBS ON GERMANY'S ISLAND FORTRESS OF SYLT.

WAVE AFTER WAVE OF BRITISH PLANES RELENTLESSLY ROARED OVER THE GERMAN BASE IN ATTACKS WHICH, COMMENCING SHORTLY AFTER DUSK, WERE MAINTAINED ALMOST UNTIL DAWN.

Salvo after salvo of giant 1,000lb. bombs were released as the squadrons of Wellington and Wellesley bombers power-dived from the night sky to within a thousand feet of their objectives, their pilots showing a reckless disregard for the intense anti-aircraft fire to which they were subjected.

DENMARK HEARS 82 EXPLOSIONS

The attack was easily the longest any belligerent has launched in war-time, and it was not until the early hours of the morning that the last British machine returned to its base "somewhere in England."

At least 82 explosions were audible in Denmark.

One bomb is believed to have exploded a huge munitions dump, for reports from observers in neutral territory tell of a terrific explosion followed by a huge fire, the flames and smoke of which reached high into the sky.

MUNITION DUMP BLOWN UP

The brunt of the attack was borne by the Nazi air base at Hornum. It is from here that the Germans launched their attack on the Orkneys, and from which they launched their attack on British and neutral shipping.

It is almost certain that Hornum has sustained heavy damage.

The munition dump was apparently exploded by one of the first ten bombs dropped in a midnight raid.

The explosion of the bombs was followed by a terrific blast which was audible in Denmark 38 miles away.

First indication that a heavy British raid was in progress was conveyed to an electrified House of Commons shortly after 9 p.m., when Sir Kingsley Wood, the Minister for Air, reported the receipt of radio messages from the leader of one of the British squadrons, reporting that he was about to attack.

CONTINUES ATTACKS ALL NIGHT

Thereafter, the British planes flew over in a continuous stream of squadrons at between half-hour and fifty minute intervals.

The last raid was completed shortly before 3 a.m.

The Air Ministry was in constant radio communication with the British squadrons. Messages were flashed in code to the Air Ministry and were instantly rushed to the Premier, Mr. Chamberlain, who permitted them to be broadcast to the public while the raid was continuing.

This running commentary on an air raid is unprecedented in the history of warfare.

FAST ACTION BY R.A.F. PILOTS

Meanwhile, from Roemoe and other nearby Danish cities, news correspondents were flashing half-hourly reports of further British attacks.

The "Exchange Telegraph's" Correspondent at Roemoe said that the raids commenced at 8.15 p.m., when two R.A.F. machines, flying at a low altitude, crossed the Sylt and dropped eight bombs on the northern point of the island. The British machines had disappeared before the Germans could even bring their Air Raid sirens into action.

VIOLENT EXPLOSIONS HEARD

The Germans were prepared for the next R.A.F. squadron, which ran into a barrage of searchlights and A.A. shrapnel. This squadron came over at 8.20 p.m.,

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Calm Day On The Western Front

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The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1940.

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NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinarly Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:—

"That the Capital of the "Company be increased from its "present Capital of $6,000,000 "Hong Kong currency divided "into 600,000 shares of $10 each "to $18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 "shares of $10 each and that "such additional shares shall "rank in all respects pari passu "with the original Capital of the "Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:—

"1. That the Directors be "and they are hereby authorised "to capitalise the sum of $3,000,"000 Hong Kong currency part of "the undivided profits of the "Company standing to the credit "of the Company's Reserve Fund "and to allot to the Members "holding shares of the Company "as on the 1st day of July, 1940, "in respect of the net amount "capitalised fully paid shares of "the Company of equivalent "nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two "shares of the Company then "held by such persons respectively and that such shares so "allotted shall rank for divi"dends as from the 1st day of "July, 1940.

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THE FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1940, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1940, to TUESDAY, the 2nd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS, Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1940.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 29TH MARCH, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1939.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21ST MARCH, 1940, to FRIDAY, the 29TH MARCH, 1940, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1940.

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2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2774	Junction of Shan Ning Road & Kin Kiang Street, Shamshuipo.	As per sale plan.				About 6,230	$ 72	$ 6,230

MINISTER WARNS AMERICA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TORONTO, Mar. 19 (UP).—Mr. James R. Cromwell, United States Minister to Canada, to-day criticised United States advocates of isolation and warned that Germany "frankly and openly seeks to destroy" the institutions of social and economic order on which the United States Government is founded.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 22nd, 23rd and 25th March, 1940. (Easter Holidays).

Hongkong, 18th March, 1940.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers, The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1940.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Yaumati, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 5 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4237	Near Kowloon Inland Lot No. 396, Nathan Road, Kowloon.	as per sale plan.				About 2,861	$ 52	$ 2,770

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2779	Junction of Castle Peak Road and Wing Lung Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	As per sale plan.				About 6 110	$ 84	$ 6,110

MINISTER OUTSPOKEN

Germany's Slaves

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TORONTO, Mar. 19 (UP).—Mr. James R. Cromwell, who was recently appointed U.S. Minister to Canada, made an outspoken criticism of American advocates of the Isolation policy during a joint meeting of the Canadian and Empire Clubs.

His speech, which was remarkable for the outspokenness of an attack on Germany, has created a furore in American political circles.

Germany, said Mr. Cromwell, frankly and openly sought to destroy the institutions of social and economic order on which the U.S. Constitution was founded.

"People who have already been conquered by Germany are nothing but slaves.

"Britain and France, on the other hand, continue the humanitarian rule on which they have built their Empires.

"I take issue with the opinions held by some of my very distinguished countrymen that a diplomat should confine his utterances to platitudinous pleasantries.

Short-Sighted Americans

"Certain short-sighted and cynical groups in the United States declare that there is little to choose between one belligerent and another. "What sensible person can agree with this interpretation of the facts. "I believe that a diplomat is like a sentry. He should warn his fellow-countrymen of what he sees.

"On this interpretation I am content to risk my official head."

Visited Hongkong

Mr. Cromwell is the husband of Doris Duke, sometimes called the world's richest girl. She is heiress to the famous Duke tobacco millions.

Cromwell is the organiser of the Young America movement and, although born in the lap of luxury, has decidedly Socialist views. He is a warm supporter of President Roosevelt's programme.

Cromwell and his wife visited Hongkong in 1935 on their honeymoon.

Washington Uproar

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (UP).—Mr. Cromwell's statement in Toronto had re-kindled the Isolationist controversy in Washington.

Senator Clark demands his recall for his "outrageous and disgraceful breach of office.

"Those bountiful Canadian dinners have evidently gone to his head," Clark declared wrathfully.

Senator Claude Pepper: "Even a diplomat must know what everyone else knows."

Senator Gerald Nye: "He is only echoing what his Chief has repeatedly asserted."

Senator Warren Austin: "A hazardous thing to say."

Determined To Smash Allies

German Hopes Of Nazi Conquest

BERLIN, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Nazi Germany is determined to achieve a smashing victory over the Allies in the near future, announced the Wilhemstrasse yesterday as Hitler returned from the Brenner Pass.

"Victory" will take a diplomatic rather than a military form at first, the spokesman said.

German officials indicate that within the next few days, they expect to see Italy draw closer to the Soviet Union as an immediate step towards neutralising the Balkans and immobolising any Allied offensive against Germany in that area.

End War Victoriously

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—All the German Press yesterday concentrated on the same theme, that Hitler's sole policy is to end the war victoriously "by all means and all weapons," says the "Lokalanzieger."

Axis Strengthened?

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The Berlin wireless says that according to the diplomatic correspondent of the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt," the Brenner meeting has resulted in the strengthening of the Italo-German alliance.

Germany is more than ever ready for the forthcoming events in the west, for which the raid on Scapa Flow was a very promising overture.

"Ridiculous" Hopes

BERLIN, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—All Allied hopes for loosening German-Italian bonds are "ridiculous," says a semi-official spokesman, commenting on the Brenner Pass talks.

While details of the talks are still lacking, he said, it must be stressed that Italo-German co-operation remains unchanged.

GAULEITER FOR WALES!

AN American woman journalist in London tells a story of a dinner party she attended in Berlin just before the outbreak of war.

She remarked to her neighbour that she was leaving shortly for England.

"Don't do that," he advised her. "You speak German admirably. You know England and its customs.

"I can find you a good job. For I am to be Gauleiter for Wales. I am busy learning Welsh now."

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2.25/32
Demand do.	1/2.25/32
T.T. Shanghai	350
T.T. Singapore	52¾
T.T. Japan	97½
T.T. India	82
T.T. U.S.A.	23
T.T. Manila	40
T.T. Batavia	42¾
T.T. Bangkok	150½
T.T. Saigon	100
T.T. France	10.82
T.T. Switzerland	102
T.T. Australia	1/0¼

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3.3/32
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3.7/32
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24
4 m/s France	11.37
30 d/s India	83¾
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.75¾

Counterfeit Note Charges

Man And Woman Face Jury At Sessions

Arrested when she allegedly tried to pass another forged $5 banknote at the same shop in Graham Street, Cheung Chuk, 30, married woman, was charged on two counts of uttering forged notes when she appeared at the Criminal Sessions before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell this morning. Her husband, Chui Wai, 31, was also charged with possession of a forged $5 Central Bank of China note, and a forged $5 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank note.

Accused pleaded not guilty to the charges, and the case was heard before the following Jury: Messrs. M. F. Key (Foreman), A. C. Xavier, Kwan Mok-chung, S. M. Isaack, J. G. Marshall, E. Manning and B. Naess.

Crown Allegations

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said Cheung was charged with uttering the notes on January 31 and February 2. Second accused was charged with possession. On the evening of January 31 a woman came to the Tung Hing Roast Meat Shop in Graham Street and bought 30 cents of sausages, and handed Chu Pak a $5 Hongkong and Shanghai bank note, and received $4.70 change. That note was subsequently found to be a forgery. Shortly after that, a man came in and bought sausages, and also produced a $5 note in payment.

There is no suggestion that the man is second accused, but both notes were later found to be forgeries, said Mr. Murphy.

Nothing happened until February 2 when a woman came into the shop and was served by a foki, Chu Hing. A $5 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank note was handed to Chu Pak, who noticed that it was similar to the other two, and immediately suspected it to be a forgery. He also recognised the woman as the same person who had called on the previous occasion, and sent for the Police.

Picked Notes From Gutter

In consequence of what first accused told the Police, the Police went to the Chung Kwok Boarding House in Connaught Road Central to look for Chu Wai. As a result of information from second accused, the Sergeant went down to the street, and picked up two notes from the gutter. They were forged Central Bank of China and Hongkong Shanghai Bank notes.

In answer to the charges at the Police station, first accused made a complete denial to the first charge. She admitted going to the shop on February 2, but said she did not know the note was a forgery.

Second accused said the two notes were given to him by a friend in Macao.

The hearing is proceeding.

AMAZING INCIDENT ON O.S.K. SHIP IN H'KONG

FROM PAGE ONE

the police. It will be decided after this report is received what action, if any, is necessary.

The incident has brought to light the amazing fact that Japanese soldiers apparently travel regularly by the Shirogani Maru, acting as "military guards."

It is stated that it was the military guards, and not the captain of the O.S.K. ship, who detained the constable, presumably to be taken back to Canton for discipline at the hands of the Japanese military authorities there.

The military guard are stated to have accused the constable of "rude behaviour."

The Captain was in total ignorance of the whole thing until the police arrived on the scene. Since then he (the Captain) had offered an explanation to the Commissioner of Police which had been accepted.

O.S.K. Statement

The Manager of the O.S.K. line in Hongkong told the "Telegraph" this afternoon: "The report is substantially correct.

"The man in question was a passenger aboard our ship from Canton to Hongkong.

"En route to Hongkong he found that his luggage was missing and commenced to search for it.

"He was asked to desist when he commenced rummaging amongst the luggage of other people.

"He said that he was a Hongkong police officer and persisted in his search.

"He was asked to produce identification papers but failed to do so. A check up of the ship's passenger lists revealed that he had registered himself as a citizen of Canton, and this immediately led to the suspicion that his claim was not bona fide.

"He was therefore detained by the ship's officers. Immediately the captain was assured that the man was a police officer, however, his release was effected."

NO PEACE BASIS

Despondency Follows Welles' Visit

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP). — Mr. Stephen Early, Secretary to the White House, to-day said official advices from Europe make the peace headlines seem empty.

"On the basis of all authoritative reports received and carefully read and analysed by President Roosevelt, there seems no basis in fact for the reports published, neither do they give an authoritative basis for peace."

Welles' Work Finished

ROME, March 19 (UP).—Mr. Sumner Welles, following a luncheon with Count Ciano to-day, announced the official conclusion of his talks with European statesmen and leaders.

He leaves Rome for Genoa at 11 o'clock to-night and will arrive at 8.30 a.m. to-morrow when he boards the Conte di Savoia which sails for New York at noon.

Meanwhile, Signor Virginio Gayda, writing in the Giornale d'Italia to-day says: "The Brenner Pass talks have two well-defined aims: firstly, the construction of a better Europe based on the equality of rights; secondly, the protection of Italian interests in this new Europe alongside the safeguarding of German interests.

"It is absurd and grotesque for the democracies to continue to attribute to Mussolini the role of European peacemaker."

Peace Plan Discounted

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter). —The reports of the German 11-point peace plan are discounted by Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's private secretary, who told reporters that no information had been transmitted to the United States Government to support the published reports of such a plan.

On the basis of authoritative reports received by the United States Government, the "peace headlines would appear to be very empty," he said.

Mr. Early added that President Roosevelt had carefully read and analysed all reports received.

Purely Propaganda

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Commenting on the well-publicised 11 point peace plan, a diplomatic observer here says that whether true or false they do represent the kind of peace which could be expected from the Nazis.

For propaganda purposes there is a reference to disarmament and liberty of trade.

There is a sop for Italy in the clauses about Djibouti and the Suez Canal and a sop for Britain in the clause saying that 20 years should be allowed for the solution of the colonial problem.

Beyond that, however, Germany would get everything she wants in Europe and there would be no way to right the wrongs she has inflicted on her neighbours.

Whatever the facts behind this widely reported 11 point peace plan, the plan may well be a sample of the sort of plan the Nazis would put forward—a mixture of generalisation appealing for liberal world sentiment and cynical disregard of the real objects for which this war is being fought.

Peace Offensive Ridiculed

ROME, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The idea of a peace offensive by Signor Mussolini has been scouted by Signor Gayda.

Writing in the "Giornale D'Italia", Gayda says it is grotesque for the democracies to insist on fixing on Il Duce the permanent task of being an intermediary.

"It is unthinkable," he says, "that Il Duce should visit the capital in Europe in a peace movement for which no Government is yet asking."

Did Not See Mussolini

ROME, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles did not see Signor Mussolini to-day.

However he lunched with Count Ciano at the Rome Golf Club. The two statesmen remained in conversation for a couple of hours after lunch.

The American Ambassador was present at the luncheon.

Mr. Sumner Welles is leaving for Genoa this evening and will embark on the Conte de Savoia to-morrow.

Confers With Colleague

ROME, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—During his stay, Mr. Sumner Welles conferred with Mr. F. P. Hibbard, First Secretary of the United States Legation at Bucharest, whom he had specially summoned from the Rumanian capital.

For One Purpose Only

ROME, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles last night broke his silence on his activities only to say that he had not brought over to Europe any proposals for peace, nor had he, while in Europe, conveyed any suggestions of peace from one European power to another.

He stated once again, as he put it, that he was in Europe for one purpose only and that he would take home with him a report to President Roosevelt on facts as he found them.

Only the four men concerned, Hitler, Mussolini, Count Ciano and Ribbentrop knew exactly what happened at Brenner. He was not one of them.

Peace Plan Denied

ROME, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Reports and rumours of the purported "eleven-point peace plan" are denied by Italian official circles which scoff at such reports and describe them as "utter stupidity."

Library, Supreme Court

MAGAZINE PAGE

ENTERTAINMENTS



Commencing on the Left Foot. The One Step. 8 Walking steps forward, moving the left arm backwards and forwards as you walk.



One complete turn to the right, taking 8 beats balancing from one foot to the other—swaying the shoulders from side to side as you turn.



Now repeat the above figure, 8 One Steps and 1 complete turn, finish facing each other and shout "ooh."

KNEES UP MOTHER BROWN

The New Hongkong Dance Craze

"KNEES UP MOTHER BROWN" is Hongkong's latest party dance craze.

It was introduced to the Colony on Saturday night by Sandra and Fredric Hartnell, the star turn entertainers at the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel, and became an instantaneous success.

About a hundred couples essayed the dance after it had been demonstrated by the Hartnells, and voted it a worthy successor to "Lambeth Walk" and "Boomps a Daisy."

"Knees up Mother Brown" was introduced in London as recently as December 12 and is now sweeping England.

The routine was devised by Adele England, principal of the Locarno School of Dancing in London, who is responsible for several other successes of a like nature.

It is the fifth novelty dance to be introduced by C. L. Heimann, who was responsible for "Lambeth Walk," "The Chestnut Tree" (so popular with His Majesty the King), "The Park Parade" and war-time's "The Handsome Territorial."

"Knees Up Mother Brown" is a worthy successor. Its simplicity assures its success, for anyone can dance it.



THE first eight steps are a stiff - legged "cake - walk" (You'll recall from the movie that the stiff-legged "cake-walk" was the first jazz number invented by Irene and Vernon Castle). In "Knees Up Mother Brown" the arms are also used. The cake walk is followed by a complete turn to the right, swaying the shoulders from side to side as you turn. Then the cake-walk again, finishing with another complete turn and a shouted "ooh".

Then comes the Chorus.

Facing each other, gentlemen commence on right foot, ladies on left foot, and take three running steps forward. On the fourth beat the couple slip forward with bended knees—shouting "Well". The gentleman slightly lifts his trousers and the lady slightly lifts her dress. Then four running steps backwards.

A hop on the right foot (these instructions are for gentlemen—ladies, of course, use opposite feet) twice, at the same time extending right hand slightly lowered towards partner, palm upward, keeping in time with each Hop. (Some of the people at the Gripps used the Hitler salute!) Repeat on the Left Foot and Left Hand. Again on the Right and again on the Left. This is followed by a run towards partner, linking of right arms, a circle (this is similar to Lambeth Walk) and then back to places.

The final movement is to hop first on one foot and then on the other with the knees up, four steps facing each other and four steps moving towards each other.

The Verse and Chorus can be repeated as often as desired.

It is a Novel Dance that is bound to click at all Hongkong clubs and dance halls.

Partners commence in the ordinary dancing position for the verse and facing each other for the chorus.

Steps described are gentlemen's, lady commences on the opposite foot.

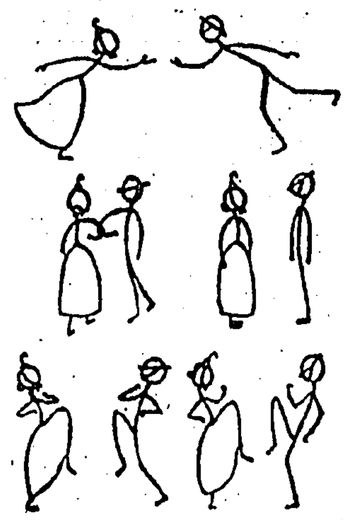
Now for the steps of the Chorus.

Facing each other, commence on the Right Foot. 3 Running steps forward, on the 4th beat slip forward with bended knees—shouting "Well," slightly lifting trousers while lady slightly lifts dress.

Then 4 running steps back to places still facing each other.



Hop on the Right Foot twice, at the same time extend Right Hand slightly lowered towards partner, palm upwards, keeping in time with each Hop. Repeat on the Left Foot and Left Hand. Again on the Right and again on the Left.

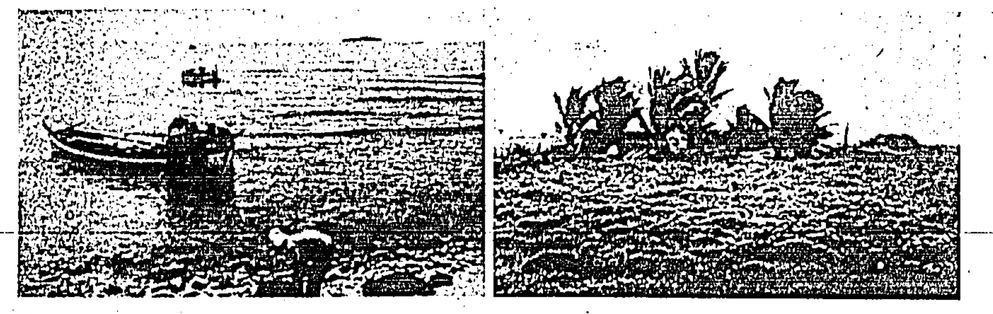


Commence on Right Foot. Running towards partner link Right Arm, make a circle, and back to places.

Hopping on one foot, then the other with the knees up. 4 Facing each other and 4 moving towards each other, finishing with the shout "ooh."

Now repeat the Verse, and Chorus as many times as desired.

PICTURE ARTICLE



GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Mother! That's so old fashioned the way you're fixing it—this is 1940, not 1939!"

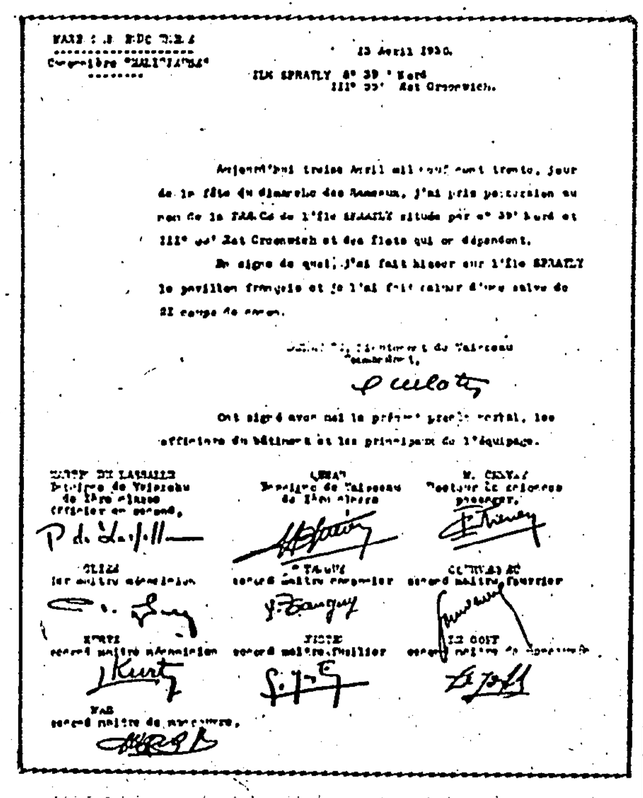
SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH.

TOKYO, Mar. 14 (Domei).—"No question can arise regarding the title to Spratley Islands, which the Japanese Government on March 30 of last year declared incorporated into Japanese territory and placed under the administration of the Government-General of Formosa," the Navy Office spokesman said today.



THIS MAP illustrates the strategic importance of the Spratley Islands, which lie "midway" between Hongkong, Singapore, Manila and French Indo-China. France claims jurisdiction over the islands.

ABOVE.—Announcement of Annexation published in the "Telegraph" last week.



13 Avril 1930.

ILE SPRATLY 8° 39 ' Nord
111° 55' Est Greenwich.

Aujourd'hui treize Avril mil neuf cent trente, jour de la fête du glorieux duc Rameau, j'ai pris possession au nom de la FRANCE de l'île SPRATLY située par 8° 39' Nord et 111° 55' Est Greenwich et des îlots qui en dépendent.

En signe de quoi, j'ai fait hisser sur l'île SPRATLY le pavillon français et je l'ai fait saluer d'une salve de 21 coups de canon.

Ont signé avec moi le présent procès verbal, les officiers du bâtiment et les principaux de l'équipage.

ANNEXATION BY JAPAN

FOUR MAJOR POWERS—BRITAIN, France, Holland and the United States—are opposed to Japan's annexation of the Spratley Island (also known as Storm Island).

Spratley is the main island in an archipelago, and has an area of only 120 acres.

Its importance is due solely to its strategic position, for it lies 410 miles from French Indo-China and some 500 miles from British North Borneo.

Japan claims that the reefs forming the Spratley group have long been known as ownerless and that since 1917 Japanese nationals had undertaken the economic development of the archipelago.

In 1843 Captain Spratley of the British whaler "Cyrus" sighted the island and plotted its position on the chart, but it was not until 1930 that it was annexed by any country.

In that year a landing party from the French minesweeper "Malicieuse" was put ashore, the tricolour was hoisted, and the commander formally took possession of the island in the name of France.

Above, TOP LEFT, shows the French taking possession of Spratley: seamen landing from the "Malicieuse" to hoist the tricolour in 1930. TOP RIGHT.—General view of island, with palms sheltering a primitive encampment formed by fishermen. The island is rich in phosphate deposits. BELOW RIGHT.—The affidavit signed by the Commander of the "Malicieuse," stating that Spratley Island was occupied on April 13, 1930.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

YOUR CHARACTER

THE test that follows on this page is based on thousands of studies. There will be a temptation to over-rate yourself. Don't fall for it—be as honest and as objective as possible. Rate yourself as follows: Distinctly superior, 5 points; above average, 4 points; average, 3 points; below average, 2 points; poor 1 point. The average is 45 points out of a possible 80. The best result in testing your character may be obtained by getting a friend to rate you.

INTELLECTUAL CHARACTER

1 Earnestness . . . Are you serious? Or inclined to be frivolous, trifling?
2 Open-mindedness . . . Receptive to others' ideas?
3 Accuracy Are you careful of statements, or inclined to indefiniteness?
4 Initiative . . . Do you think for yourself? Or drift along with others?
5 Rational . . . Are you judicious, or prejudiced?
6 Alert . . . Are you hard-working? Just average? Lazy?

WORKING CHARACTER

1 Purposeful Can you avoid being led by likes and dislikes?
2 Teachable . . . Amenable to teaching? Or are you stubborn?
3 Attentive . . . Or do you find attention wandering?
4 Ambitious . . . Are you trying to improve? Or are you satisfied with yourself?
5 Punctual Do you get there on time, or always a bit late?
6 Thorough . . . Verify your conclusions, or jump at them?
7 Thrifty . . . Careful with money? Miserly? Wasteful?
8 Artistic . . . Are you neat in work? Or slovenly?
9 Adaptable . . . Do you fit into surroundings easily? Or slowly?
10 Leadership . . . Do you follow a cause you consider worthy? ...

CHEERO CLUB

Bridge and Mah Jongg Drive Prizewinners

A successful Bridge and Mah Jongg drive was held at the Cheero Club yesterday. All present enjoyed the afternoon and an excellent tea was provided. Lady Noble presented the prizes which were won by the following:

Contract Bridge.—1st, Mrs. D. H. Clark; 2nd, Mrs. Hyde Lay; 3rd, Mrs. Razavet; consolation, Mrs. Odell.

Mah Jongg Clear Game.—1st, Mrs. Hourihan; 2nd, Mrs. Harndon; 3rd, Mrs. Fenton; consolation, Mrs. M. Smith.

Mah Jongg Chinese Game.—1st, Mrs. Orem; 2nd, Mrs. Smith, 3rd, Mrs. Redwood; consolation, Mrs. Lee.

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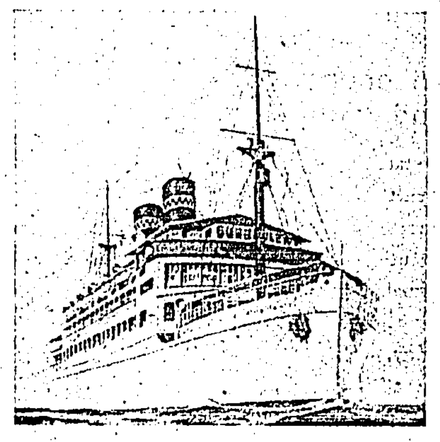
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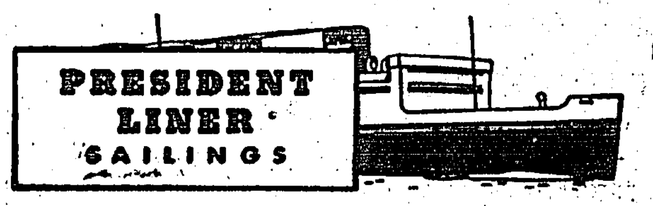
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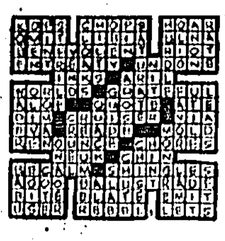
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Foolish mistake (slang)
6—Removes skin
11—Once more (Latin)
12—Unmitigated
14—Nose
15—Medieval order of knights
17—Surprised sound
18—Ooze
20—Metal bars
21—Professional (slang)
22—Short poems
24—Solid water
25—Berserkers
26—Plundered
27—Rounder
28—Destroy
29—Sun god
30—At home
31—Outer part of grain
33—Sister (col.)
34—Diminutive suffix
35—Praise
40—Policeman (slang)
41—Close permanently
42—Object
43—Kind of element
45—Name of cheat
46—Plural ending
47—Cure-all

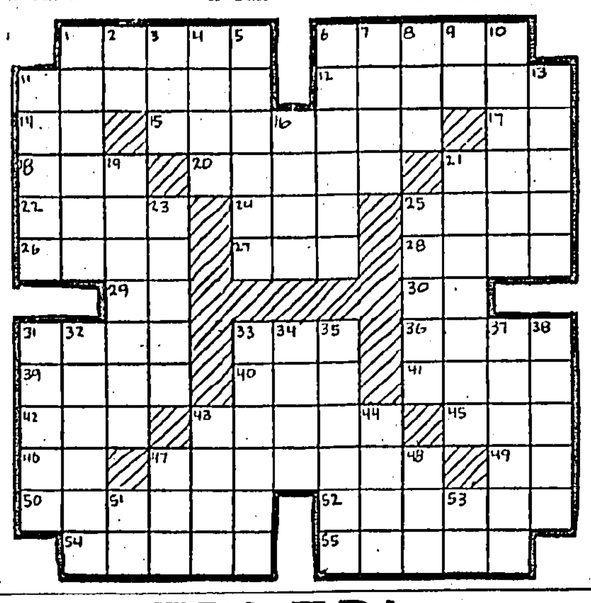
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



49—Bridle
50—Olive
52—Legal instrument of delivery
54—Fashions
55—Guide

DOWN

1—Alongside
2—Following after
3—Negative
4—Always
5—Modern Greek
6—Grew monotonous
7—Ages
8—Be wrong
9—G-sharp in B
10—Sounds in sleep
11—Borrow (poetic)
13—Things there
16—Type measure
19—Chest
21—Plantation owner
23—Be erect
25—Constellation: Ram
11—Lose blood
12—Price of freedom
13—Parts of an act
24—Small bit
33—Open areas
37—Clothier
38—Joint of arm
43—Other of pair
44—For fear that
47—Stuff
48—Expert aviator
51—Denial
53—Concerning



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1 *This blouse would look grand under a plain dark suit. It is made of coarse white Irish lace, and tailored. It has a small turn-down collar, long, close sleeves, and the yoke is threaded with velvet ribbon.*

2 *This babyish bib is really a yoke for a dinner dress. It is made in broderie anglaise, with embroidered scalloped edges. Embroidered slots round the pie frill neck take a velvet ribbon to draw it close round the neck.*

3 *Any of your good, dark though rather tired-looking gloves can be given new life this way. Sew a strip of bold lace up the wrist.*

4 *This linen petticoat to swing beneath your skirt will give a lot of lift to a tired frock. Flared from the flat hip yoke, the hem is trimmed with crochet lace and embroidery.*

5 *Any frock you're bored with could do with this. Cut out the neck to a low square and tuck into it this gilet of fine embroidered lawn. There are wristbands to match.*

6 *Another dark frock could be made into a pinafore to wear over the organdie blouse. The shoulders are puffed, the long neck line trimmed with an embroidered band.*

Wang Ching-wei Announces New Coup

JAPANESE AGREE TO WITHDRAW TROOPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NANKING, Mar. 19 (UP).—The Propaganda Minister, Lin Pai-sheng, on behalf of Wang Ching-wei, said to-day that it was agreed to return to China the military control the Japanese forces exercise in the occupied areas. Wang Ching-wei declares that this will assure an army establishment of the new Chinese Government.

The Central Political Conference opens on Wednesday, the meeting lasting three or four days, for the purpose of preparing for the "return of the National Government to Nanking" which will be possibly proclaimed next week, although the date is not fixed. Twenty-two out of 30 delegates are former officials of the National Government which evacuated to Nanking in 1937.

Busy Conference

The conference will pass a resolution empowering Wang Ching-wei to determine a policy for readjustment of Sino-Japanese relations, draw up an outline for establishment of the new Government, and also decide the date of establishment and structure as well as abolition of the Peiping and Nanking regimes, determine the political programme of the new regime, establish a policy vis-a-vis Chungking and the question of its liquidation, and also decide the convocation of the National Assembly and the question of enforcing a constitutional government.

Wang Loses Followers

CHUNGKING, Mar. 19 (Central).—Wang Ching-wei has lost another two followers, who have deserted his cause and are now on their way to Chungking.

They are Chow Yao-shan, former dean of the Ksang Hsia Middle School, and Tang Tseng-yang, former principal of the Ming Kwang Middle School.

Chow was slated by Wang Ching-wei to become Director of Education of the Nanking puppet government, while Tang was to have become Director of the Civil Department.

Chow and Tang sent a joint letter to Wang before their departure from Shanghai, condemning him for selling his country under the cloak of a "peace movement."

OBITUARY

DEATH OF MR. LI CHOR CHI

His many friends in the Colony will be shocked to learn of the passing of Mr. Li Chor-chi, Accountant of the Oversea Chinese Banking Corporation and Secretary of the Ho Hong Co., Ltd.

Mr. Li passed away at 7.15 this morning at the Queen Mary Hospital, where he had been confined since last Friday, suffering from acute gastric trouble.

Born in Sydney 52 years ago, Mr. Li came to Hongkong when still a young man. He spent several years in Saigon where he studied singing and languages. A tenor of no mean ability he could sing in Italian, Spanish and French, and was a fluent French scholar. He used to broadcast over ZBW and had organised many concerts on behalf of various charities.

The late Mr. Li came from a well-known family. He is survived by two brothers and two sisters—Mr. William Yinson Lee, Chinese manager of the Chinese Branch of the National Cash Register Co. and well-known charitable worker, Mr. James Zee-min Lee, who recently paid a visit to Hongkong from Hollywood, where he had appeared in a number of films, Mrs. Rose Chow, vice-President of the Chinese Women's Club and daughter-in-law of the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, and Mrs. Alice Chow, wife of Mr. C. L. Chow, B.A., F.C.I., T.D. (Birmingham).

The late Mr. Li took a great interest in public affairs, having only last week been re-elected a member of the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, with which he had been connected for a number of years. He was also, at the time of his death, Chairman of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the Chinese Mission for Lepers, which was founded by his brother, Mr. Yinson Lee.

The body has been removed to Brown Jones Funeral Parlour at 46 Morrison Hill Road, and the funeral arrangements will be announced to-morrow.

In lieu of flowers, friends are requested to send donations in memory of the late Mr. Li Chor-chi to the Chungshan Refugees Fund, c/o *S. C. M. Post.*

Tripled Aircraft Production

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—America's production of aeroplane parts and engines has tripled during the past year, President Roosevelt told a Press conference during a discussion on the controversy over the release of planes of recent design to foreign powers.

President Roosevelt said that there was no question of giving away military secrets as the designs of the planes were not secret, but "only devices on them."



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12.30 **A Light French Programme.**
1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 **Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.**—"Manhattan Music Box"—Selection, Dizzy Fingers, "Head Over Heels"—Selection, "Home and Beauty"—Selection.
1.15 **The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.**
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 **Frances Day, Max Miller and Walsh and Barker in Variety.**
2.15 Close Down.
6.00 **A Ballad Concert.**
6.28 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.30 **Half An Hour of Dance Music.**
7.00 **London Relay**—"These Strangers within our Gates."—Stories about foreigners.
7.30 **London Relay—The News.**
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 **Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) Winnie Melville (Soprano) and De Groot and His Orchestra.**
8.45 **Studio—Piano Recital by Caroline Braga.**—1. Prelude and Fugue in D Minor (Bach); 2. Prelude in D Flat Major (The Raindrop), Op. 28, No. 15 (Chopin); 3. Mazurka in D flat major, Op. 30, No. 3 (Chopin); 4. Berceuse, Op. 57 (Chopin); 5. Elle A Daignee Sourire (She Smiles), Op. 93, No. 4 (Polnini); 6. The Lover and the Nightingale (Granados); 7. Arabesque, Op. 39, No. 4 (Macdowell).
9.15 **London Relay—News Summary.**
9.30 **Songs by Tito Schipa (Tenor).**—Plaisir D'Amour, O Del Mio Amato Ben, with Orchestral accomp.
9.40 **'Cello Solos by Pau Casals.**—Vito (Spanish Dance), Op. 54, No. 5, Spanish Dance, Goyescas—Intermezzo, Toccata In G Major—Adagio, with Piano accomp.
9.55 **Beethoven—Symphony No. 9 In D Minor, Op. 125 ("Choral").**—Felix Weingartner and Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.
11.00 Close Down.

Chinese Programmes

Attention is called to the Z. B. W. Chinese programme during the Easter Week, which will include three talks by noted Chinese scholars and authors. The talks will be given in two dialects, Cantonese and Mandarin, and will start at 6 p.m. each day. They will be as follow:

Wednesday, March 20, "English and Chinese Educational aims and their similarity," by Dr. C. L. Hsia, member of the Legislative Yuan, National Government, China.

Saturday, March 23, "The Chinese Industrial Co-operative Movement in the South-west" by the C.I.C.

Monday, March 25, "Britain's Naval Week" by Dr. S. I. Hsiung, author of "Lady Precious Stream."

TWO-HEADED BABY

Manila, Mar. 19.

A double-headed baby was born to a peasant couple in the town of Lubao, Pampanga yesterday. The baby is still alive, but physicians doubt if it will live long.

One of the heads is on top of the other. The upper head is normal.—*United Press.*

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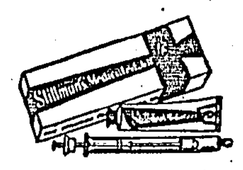
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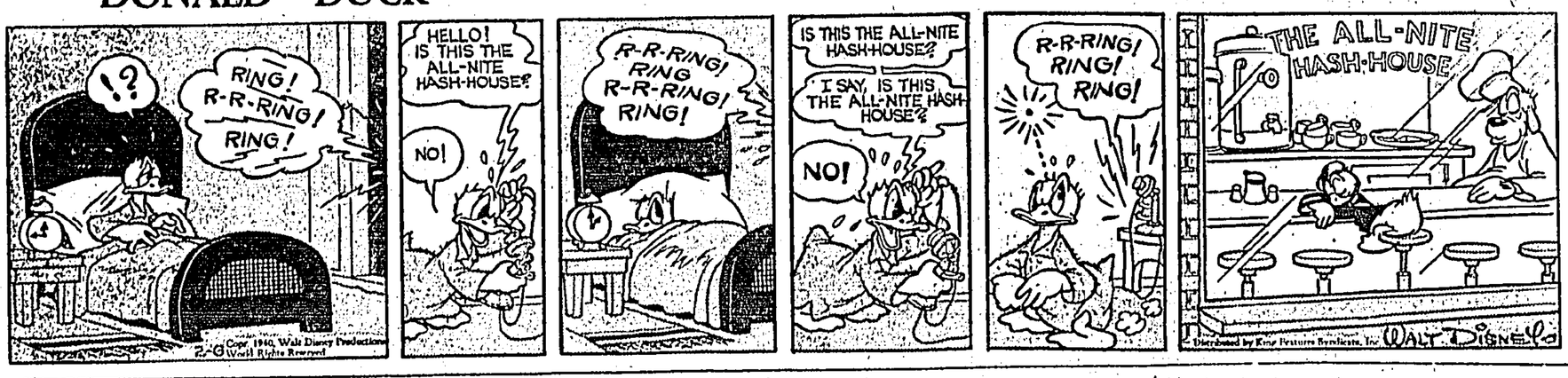
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ALLEGED FORGED CINEMA TICKETS

Majestic Theatre Booking Clerk On Trial

The discovery by Mr. C. Coldin, manager of the Majestic Theatre, of eight forged counterfoils among the tickets sold for the 7.20 p.m. performance on February 13 led to the appearance of Chui Sui-po, head Shroff and booking clerk of the theatre, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning on nine charges of uttering forged documents.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, and Chui was defended by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. D. McCallum.

The following comprised the Jury: Messrs. L. B. Warren (Foreman), Wong Kwok-king, Wong Man-k.t, B. Agafuroff, J. B. Tam, Wong Kim-wah and Fung Ping-tan.

Policeman's Discovery

Mr. Williams said Chui had been in the employ of the Theatre for six years and at the time of his arrest was in charge of the 1st class booking office. It was also his duty to sell tickets for loge and dress circle seats and to look after the cash.

On December 19, Mr. Williams continued, Sergeant N. B. Fraser, acting on instructions, went to the Theatre and booked two dress circle seats for the 9.30 performance. He was given two tickets by Chui, and Sgt. Fraser found that one of them was different from the other. Another extraordinary thing he discovered was that the numbers were not consecutive.

Nothing further happened until February 13 when, after the 7.20 performance had started, Mr. Goldin made a check of the countertoils which were then in the hands of an usher. He found that eight of them were forgeries. As a result the Police were informed and Chui was arrested.

The cash book kept by Chui was examined and it was noticed that tickets bearing the same numbers as those on the forged ones had already been sold the previous day.

Wong Chi-wah, of the Albert Printing Press, said his company had been printing tickets for the Theatre for the past ten years. One of the differences in one of the forged tickets was that the character C in the word Majestic was without the bottom hook and resembled an R.

Cross-examined, witness agreed that the colour and texture of the genuine tickets were sometimes different, and that there was sufficient resemblance in the forged tickets to puzzle even him.

Manager's Evidence

Mr. Goldin told the Court there were three booking offices in the theatre. One of them—the first class—was under the charge of Chui, who was also responsible for the cash sales of all three.

The entries in the cash book kept by Chui showed that for the performance in question, 93 full-price and four half-price tickets were sold, whereas the booking plan disclosed 2 and 3 respectively. Among the counterfoils were 26 complimentary ones as compared with 33 shown on the plan.

Questioned by Mr. D'Almada, Mr. Goldin agreed that occasionally one of the ushers sold the tickets. Frequently the booking office was opened an hour or so before the arrival of Chui and during that period tickets could be sold by the second shroff or one of the ushers who had authority to do so.

The eight forged tickets could have been sold on the day previous and by someone else, not necessarily Chui. It was quite possible to make an error in the marking of the booking plan.

Must Have Accomplice

On February 13 the cash in hand corresponded with the stubs, though the entries in the cash book differed from those on the booking plan.

Mr. D'Almada: We know someone did perpetrate this fraud. That could easily be done of course by anyone selling the tickets and do you suggest it must be in conjunction with at least one other person?—Yes.

The case is proceeding.

BLACK-OUT OFFENCES

Chinese Householders Given Stiff Fine

A sequel to the black-out test carried out on March 5 was the appearance before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning of several Chinese, summoned for failing to screen the lights in their houses during the blackout.

Two of the defendants, Leung Siu-choi, of 44 Stanley Street, ground floor, and Ng Ki, of 38 Ice House Street, ground floor, were fined $100 each.

In the case of Leung, whose premises are the May Fay Tailor Co., Sub-Inspector Lam Yung-hon said he noticed a bright light showing after 8 p.m. and when he knocked at the door to tell the occupants to extinguish it, he received no answer.

Playing Mah-Jong

Police Reservist A. F. Delgado said many people were playing mah-jong in Ng's premises. He warned the occupants to extinguish the light, but they took no notice of him.

Ng pleaded his sister-in-law was expecting a child, and the light was kept on for that emergency. The lights were shaded with black cloth, however, he added.

Inspector A. W. Smith, prosecuting, said much publicity had been given to the black-out test and there was no reason why the public should be ignorant of the regulations. There were many people who took no notice of the regulations, and they made the task of the Police very difficult.

Mr. Sheldon agreed and said the offences were serious. He remarked that when certain individuals failed to comply with the regulations, the whole scheme would be a failure.

Warrants Issued

Similar summonses against Chan Kam-chuen, of No. 1 Cochrane Street, ground floor, and Sun Yuk-hon, of No. 43A Wyndham Street, first floor, were adjourned. Defendants did not appear, and after notice of service had been taken, warrants for their arrest were issued. Bail of $150 was allowed.

Confidence Vote For Daladier

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Mar. 20 (UP).—The Chamber of Deputies, by a show of hands, unanimously passed a Vote of Confidence in M. Daladier, on the Order of the Day expressing homage to Finland.

Nazism Like A Ghastly Disease

Outspoken Speech By Mr. Paul McNutt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 19 (UP).—National Socialism, as it exists to-day in Germany, is a ghastly disease like typhoid."

"The germs, like the Germans, are always with us. But we Americans can protect ourselves if we know how to keep our resistance high."

America's Danger

This was part of a speech at the Women's Jewish Congress in New York to-day, by Mr. P. V. McNutt, former Governor General of the Philippines, currently Federal Security Administrator, and contender for Presidential honours at the forthcoming elections.

Mr. McNutt added that America was not greatly menaced by the danger of an invasion by the legions of Stalin or Hitler.

"Our danger lies in continuing along the road permitting the centralisation of control of business and finance until we are driven by poverty and despair to accept a dictator of our own," he said.

BROUGHT NAZI CAMERA TO H.K.

Sai On Pilot Fined This Morning

Ho Hon, pilot of the s.s. Sai On, was summoned before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning for importing a "Walta", German camera from Macao, contrary to law.

It was stated that Ho was seen by a revenue officer with the camera in his possession, and when questioned he said he was commissioned to buy the camera from Macao.

Mr. Sheldon pointed out that all photographic equipment, especially of enemy origin is prohibited from being brought into the Colony unless one can prove that it was brought in before September 3 of last year.

A fine of $20 was imposed and the camera confiscated.

Soviet Ratifies Peace Treaty

LONDON, Mar. 20 (UP).—The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet has ratified the Russo-Finnish Peace Treaty.



MRS. F. D. ROOSEVELT JR.

DUPONT HEIRESS INJURED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Mar. 19 (UP).—Mrs. Ethel Dupont Roosevelt, co-heiress to the Dupont munitions millions and wife of President Roosevelt's third son, Franklin Delano Jr., suffered a pelvic fracture to-day when she fell from her horse.

She was unconscious when she was picked up.

Mrs. Roosevelt was immediately rushed to hospital where her condition was reported as not being serious.

She is the daughter of Mr. Eugene du Pont. She was married in 1937 and has one son, Franklin D. Roosevelt III.

TOKYO, Mar. 20 (Domei).—Radio-photo communication was inaugurated between Tokyo and Berlin to-day.

French Shock Troops Go Into Action On Western Front

FIGHTING BREAKS OUT ACROSS THE RHINE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 19 (UP)—FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR, FIGHTING OCCURRED ACROSS THE RHINE RIVER TO-DAY, WHEN FRENCH TROOPS OPENED MACHINE GUN ATTACKS ON THE GERMANS ENTRENCHED ON THE EASTERN BANK.

This admission was made in the D.N.B. official report of to-day's activity.

French shock troops were also observed on reconnaissance in considerable force.

The Nazi report adds that weak French artillery fire occurred at the usual points in front of the Siegfried Line (the first time the Nazis have mentioned their "West Wall" as being the object of French artillery fire).

No Man's Land Scouting

"At some points the enemy artillery fire was answered," the communique adds.

"Mutual scouting activity developed in No Man's Land, and enemy patrols were forced to return without completing their task.

"The weather permitted very little aerial activity."

The reported fighting along the banks of the Rhine River occurred in the Upper Rhine area.

Fear Riots At Easter

Strict Precautions By Eire Government

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

DUBLIN, Mar. 19 (UP).—Fears of Easter Week disorders are believed to be responsible for the widespread military activity which has been so noticeable in Eire to-day.

The Governments of Eire and Northern Ireland have both prohibited Easter Week commemorations this year, for the first time in Ireland since 1922.

Republican organisations have completed arrangements for demonstrations, particularly in the Dublin area. The Government has ordered newspapers not to mention these demonstrations, either in the news or advertising columns.

NOW YOU KNOW

French "shock troops" were observed in No Man's Land yesterday. What are shock troops?

The War Office do not recognise the existence of shock troops as such; technically speaking, there is no such thing.

But, especially as far as the German Army is concerned, shock troops are taken to mean specially picked troops of excellent physique—good tough soldiers. They do not man the front line, but are kept in positions a little to the rear until they are needed for a vigorous attack. When they have done their job of work they are withdrawn behind the lines again.

Big Tests By U.S. Navy

Lessons Of Current War To Be Learned

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ABOARD U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA AT SEA, Mar. 19 (UP).—Twenty-one giant American warships are expected to converge on the Hawaiian Islands during the current manoeuvres. Many will voyage further west towards Guam.

It is reliably stated that the manoeuvres are to test developments in naval warfare as affected by the present European War.

Five Important Tests

The Graf Spee drama off Montevideo, which upset many pre-war notions held, apparently, by all Admiralties except the British, will be one of the fundamental developments which will be the subject of test in the current manoeuvres. Other subjects will include:

1.—Vulnerability of land-locked naval bases to undersea craft, a question that has been changed by the case with which a Nazi U-Boat entered Scapa Flow and British submarines entered the Syit area;

2.—Effectiveness of mines and torpedoes on armoured warships;

3.—Effectiveness of A.A. defence aboard warships;

4.—Value of the convoy system against air raids.

NAZIS CAN'T FOOL DUTCH

Reject Explanation Of Sea Warfare

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Nazi attempts to justify the German methods of sea warfare have been rejected by the Netherlands liberal newspaper "Nieuwe Rotherdamsche Courmant."

The paper declares that on a number of points the neutrals have formed their own opinion, an opinion which differs considerably from the German standpoint.

It is not only according to British reports that Dutch crews have been shot at and Dutch ships sunk, says the paper.

Nearly the whole of the German procedure against the Dutch ships has aroused indignation in Holland.

Camouflage Pioneer Dies In London

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Aubrey Hammond, the well-known artist and stage designer.

He was also a pioneer of camouflage.

Successful Year By Rope Manufacturing Co.

Prospects For 1940 Considered Good

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited, was held at the registered offices of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 11.30 a.m. to-day, the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, presiding.

Others present were: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. A. J. Braga, S. T. Williamson (Directors), Lau Siu-chun, Kam Wah-kui, I. W. Shewan, J. Dick, H. Dreyer, C. W. L. Coe, A. A. Botelho and F. J. Tavares (Secretary).

Chairman's Speech

The Chairman said:

The Net Profit for the year is $115,874.60 and this amount added to the balance of $54,515.70 brought forward from 1938, shows a total of $170,390.30 at credit of Profit and Loss Account available for appropriation, which your Directors recommended be dealt with as follows:—Pay a dividend of 50 cents per share, absorbing $100,000.00; pay a bonus to Staff and Workers $5,507.00; and to carry forward to the credit of next year's account $64,883.30.

Competition is still very keen, but I am pleased to be able to report that our sales of rope during the year under review exceeded those of the previous year. You will see in the Profit and Loss Account that the profit on working is $112,045.47. This compared with the figures for 1938 shows an increase of about 38 per cent.

With regard to our properties, there was a constant demand for Chinese flats during the past year and all the 112 flats of the 28 houses at Kennedy Town continue to be fully occupied.

The factory buildings at Ma-tau-kok are also in occupation.

The Stocks and Stores have been valued, as usual, at cost or under, and depreciation on Buildings, etc., has been calculated on the usual basis. Additional depreciation of $30,000 has been provided in respect of Plant and Machinery to allow for further replacements, etc., and the amount has been debited to Profit and Loss Account.

Effect Of European War

The War in Europe has affected delivery of some machines ordered last year, but these have now arrived and are in course of erection at the factory.

You will also observe in the Profit and Loss Account a return of the General Managers' Commission to the minimum authorised by the Articles of Association, which was reduced voluntarily to 50 per cent. in 1935 and subsequently raised to 75 per cent. in 1938.

The Staff and Workers deserve the bonus recommended by your Board and I trust that the same will receive your approval.

Prospects For 1940

Now as regards the prospects for the current year I am glad to say that we have started the year well and hope that the present demand for cordage will continue. In view of the present uncertain conditions I cannot say more than that.

I do not think that there are any other items in the accounts that need special comment, and I therefore propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed.

Mr. S. T. Williamson seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The retiring directors Sir Elly Kadoorie and Sir Robert Ho Tung were re-elected and the retiring auditors, Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were reappointed.

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DEATH

LI.—On Wednesday, March 20, 1940, at the Queen Mary Hospital, Mr. Li Chor Chi, aged 52 years. Removed to Brown Jones Funeral Parlors, 45 Morrison Hill Road. Funeral arrangements to-morrow.

The Hongkong Telegraph.
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Pawns of The Political Game

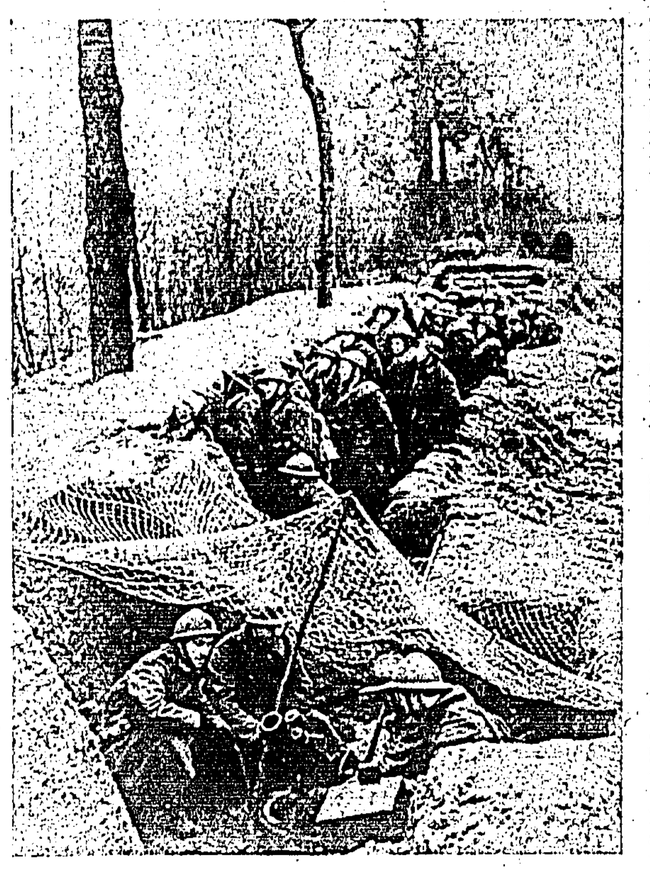
YESTERDAY'S report that a three-Power agreement between Germany, Italy and Russia is imminent provides a big temptation for jesting comment, and is certain to revive the jokes about Russia becoming the immutable enemy of the Comintern, which were prevalent when the Soviet and Nazi Germany effected their rapprochement. At the same time it is foolish to overlook the serious aspect of a three-Power political pact as envisaged in the news despatches. Its effectuation would entail a considerable loss of "face" by the two anti-Comintern States, hitherto sworn enemies of the Soviet and all things which the Russian system represents, but more important would be the political changes it would bring about in southeastern Europe and the Near East. The Balkans, already harassed by the close proximity of Greater Germany and Russia, would find it difficult to resist a tri-Power diplomatic "Blitzkrelg" even though the Allies were to make counter guarantees of equal dimension.

It is quite obvious that the proposed rapprochement is not based on any single purpose. All three countries would enter the pact with individual ulterior motives; Germany to gain economic control of the Balkans; Italy to have two strong supporters for her "natural aspirations" in Northeast Africa and the Suez, and Russia for the protection of her illegal conquests in Poland and Finland. This factor of individual and separate aims is the weak point of any political pact between Germany, Russia and Italy. The partners become independent instead of interdependent, a position which may well bring about a quicker disruption of the partnership than any militaristic or economic action by the Allied Powers or the threatened Balkan States.

Hitler's assertion that he does not want the European conflict to be spread to the Balkans and the Near East may be a true reflection of his feelings, but the accompanying theory that a three-Power agreement would guarantee peace in those areas is hard to swallow. The more obvious effect would be to force the Allies into extending the war, if only to prevent Germany from acquiring so easily the economic war weapons which she so badly needs.

It is realisation of this possible turn to events which is probably influencing Hitler to seek Italy's positive aid in the war against the democracies. To bring about his economic conquest of the Balkans Hitler must have the political support of Italy and Russia; to guarantee that conquest against Allied interference he needs the armed support of at least Italy, and, if he can get it, of Russia. Thus, once again, the little Balkan States become pawns in the political game of the great nations.

BEYOND THE MAGINOT LINE



By PHILIP JORDAN
News Chronicle
Correspondent with the B.E.F.

IN groups of two, each strictly separated by about 200 yards—the men who occupy the most forward of our positions beyond the Maginot Line, climbed a hill to their lonely outposts in the wood above. Beyond that are the Germans. They move in such small groups because, as the blackboard on the road told them, the climb is all the way under observation from the enemy; and sometimes he lashes off with his machine-guns.

I climbed up to the wood and to its hidden outposts to-day—the first of all the war correspondents out here to be allowed to pay a visit to our men who are in constant contact with the enemy.

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THE real "front" lies some miles beyond our reserve line; and to reach it you must drive along exposed roads, and through deep forests where snow still lies on the ground.

You drive through several villages where human beings no longer live, and come finally to the blackboard on the road.

Beyond this point no vehicle may travel, no man may walk with more than one companion at his side: and no man may venture unless he has a tin hat perched uncomfortably on his head.

Plum trees line the road that leads up to the wood on the hill's summit; and fields from which last year's harvest was never fully gathered, roll across a wide valley bordered by woods into whose depths enemy night patrols occasionally penetrate.

Beyond the valley and on the summit of its enclosing ridge the German machine gunners lie waiting for parties sufficiently large to make it worth their while to fire.

When you are through the wire beyond the wood, you are but a few yards from positions from which our men watch, and sometimes check with their machine-guns, the daily movements of the enemy.

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FROM these positions you can sweep the whole range of hills opposite through powerful glasses and bring it within a comparatively few yards of your eyes.

Below is a deserted red-roofed village, where pigs, abandoned by their former owners in the hour of evacuation, roam at will and flourish until such times as either a British or a German patrol ventures into the deserted streets and captures one for fresh meat.

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FARTHER down the valley lies another empty village. Reports have long said that the Germans kept a permanent observation post there; but one regiment, when it was on duty in the outposts, had an idea that the reports were not quite true. To satisfy themselves, they sent out a daylight patrol, found that the Germans had gone, and rang the church bells just to tell the enemy where they were!

During the day the Germans make themselves scarce. Only a few were visible this morning; and when they had gone into the woods on their side of No Man's Land the country was immobile for some hours.

Only the occasional rattle of machine-guns on our flanks and the almost perpetual dull thud of artillery fire made it clear that the world is populated by more than the quiet men in our outposts and the huge black birds that fly ceaselessly across the cold, disputed land.

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SOME of those quiet men live in "The Ritz." It has sandbag walls; but it has a door, chintz curtains, a stove that everybody wishes would not sometimes take it into its head to smoke, two armchairs and a double bed! The kitchen adjoins; and from here hot meals, carried up the hill in huge vacuum flask containers, are served out at the proper time.

Tea came up while I was there to-day. Two men wheeled it up in an ornate old tyreless perambulator that they had "scrounged" from somewhere. Bread, margarine in huge yellow tins, raspberry jam, cheese, tea, and water for making it. That was this evening's meal.

Other men — the machine-gunners—live in their scientifically-sited posts; but these are not so comfortable as "The Ritz." You cannot sit upright in these sandbagged log cabins: you have to lie down all the time on the warm straw that covers the hard earth below.

All these, as it were, inverted dugouts lie close to the firing positions. Most of the firing positions and observation posts are tiny sandbagged fortresses, so placed that they enjoy the maximum security and combine it with the maximum effectiveness whenever it is necessary for the men inside to use their Bren and other quick-firing weapons.

Powerful telescopes help the sentries in these posts to pass long hours of duty without great strain on their eyes.

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ALL the men I found up there this morning are well and cheerful. And, like all their comrades elsewhere, are more concerned with their coming leave than with the enemy they face. When their turn comes some may go with a ribbon on their chests, for in the valley below them all the decorations of this war have so far been won, for those valleys and all land around the outposts are the battlefields of this strange conflict.

Not that they underrate the enemy's skill. They do not. They will tell you that he has been trained to the last hair; and that what he does not know about patrol work is not worth knowing. But that is about all they do say of him.

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BY the time these words get to London those men will have been relieved; and will have picked their way across the trip wires and all the empty tins that they have laid around them; and will have marched back to rest. When they come out of the line they will have learned the first three lessons of modern warfare: patience, patience, and then more patience still.

MEN OF THE Q-SHIPS

Luring Submarines to Destruction

The opening of another ruthless German submarine campaign recalls some of the most magnificent feats of the Great War—those of the Q-ships. The ships' activities ceased in 1918, but the deeds of their crews have lived on to record annals of courage and self-sacrifice that cannot be surpassed.

These ships went to sea with the deliberate intention of luring submarines to attack them, and Lieutenant-Commander E. Keble Chatterton has told how the officers and men serving in them—they consisted of armoured colliers, tramps, liners, cross-Channel packets, &c.—were drawn from every category of the sea—the Royal Navy, Royal Naval Reserve, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and Royal Fleet Reserve.

In his words, "They came from battleships and little ships, from fishing vessels, sailing craft, yachts, barracks, offices, and cub ranks. Hand-picked, disciplined, they were every one volunteers for what could be nothing but weeks of boredom suddenly enlivened by the fiercest excitement, ending probably in death. For their captains the responsibilities were enormous. First-class seamanship, exceptional coolness, immense patience, considerable imagination and quite unusual initiative were demanded."

The ships were of all types, and they were fitted out with guns and depth charges which were cleverly concealed behind dummy deck-houses, boats, &c.

The Panic Party

The crews would entice the enemy to close quarters by making a show of abandoning ship. No effort was spared to give the operations of the "panic party" every semblance of reality, for the success of the ruse and the lives of the ship and her crew depended on the submarine commander being taken in by the apparent haste of the men to pull away—by such studied details of a bird in its cage, the cook straight from his galley, the unkempt skipper, and a miscellany of uniforms. Often the ruse was completely successful and many submarines were sunk, although the Q-ships did not emerge from the campaign without suffering heavy losses.

Everything had to be rehearsed to the minutest detail, so that the suspicions of the submarine commander would not be aroused. If this did happen the submarine would dive and come up again unawares during the night and sink its opponent. The members of the panic party were all drilled into exactly what answers to give if the submarine commander asked questions, so that details were pat about the destination of the ship, cargo, and so on.

If the submarine did dive and hope to come up later the men on the Q-ship effected the most incredible changes during the time that elapsed. Funnels were repainted and the marks of another shipping company were put on, even the hull was sometimes gone over, a mast would be taken down, false deck-houses and other deck features were likewise altered.

Concealed Guns

The guns were very cleverly hidden on the decks. In some cases they were disguised by a dummy boat that had been sawn in halves and could be removed instantly. In others a gun was concealed by what appeared to be a life-belt locker. Sometimes tarpaulin screens concealed them, and these dropped at a touch.

At the critical moment for action the signalman would drop the Red Ensign and run up the White Ensign, so informing the enemy of the real status of the ship. Almost always the engagement was short and sharp—the submarine was holed at a vital point and sank or the Q-ship went to her doom.

Scores of stories could be told of the gallant fights put up and the names of many of the Q-ships are immortal in the history of the British Navy. One of the earliest was the Prince Charles, and experience with her did much to influence the evolution of the Q-ship. She was a collier and came up against the submarine U-36. The commander of the U-36 began to shell and the collier's panic party tumbled into the boats. The U-boat closed in, when suddenly her crew were amazed to see men on the deck of the Prince Charles clearing tarpaulins. Shells pumped forth, and the submarine attempted to dive but was holed too badly. With a plunge she went to the bottom.

Another was the Heligoland, a sailing vessel of about 310 tons, which made things hot for the U-boats, and time and again she escaped only miraculously. Then there was the Glen, which encountered a submarine and began her play-acting as a terrorised coaster, and the panic party got ready to lower the boat. The enemy drew within 200 yards, and, seeing the "alarm" came nearer still, to within about 80 yards.

Then the Glen opened fire, and shell after shell crashed into the submarine's hull. In fact she was riddled and by diving sealed her own doom. Shortly afterwards another submarine appeared and attempted to fight the Glen, but gave up the task towards dusk, finding the Q-boat crew too tough.

A Hot Combat

The first prize brought in during the war was the German schooner Else, appropriately renamed the Prize, and she became a Q-boat. She worsted the U-boat No. 93 after an epic fight. Trawler Skipper Prewer and six men abandoned the old "coaster" with every evidence of panic, and the submarine commander thought he had an easy prey. He fired shells at her and caused casualties, but the men lay low. The submarine came within 70 yards, and her commander lost all suspicion.

It was the critical moment. The order flashed: "Down screens! Up White Ensign! Open fire!" The Prize fired on, although the submarine answered to the last, and went down burning fiercely. Yet the amazing thing was the survivors on board managed to quell the fire and to regain the surface, and under Lieutenant Ziegler she reached port, a marvellous performance.

One of the finest feats of all was that of the Lowestoft fishing smack, Telesia. She was trawling 35 miles south of that port, and had guns on board. It was about noon when the submarine appeared, and to the skipper's amazement it fired a torpedo, costing hundreds of pounds, at its tiny opponent. The Telesia let fire straight away—there was nothing else to do. Fortunately the missile missed the smack's bows by about four feet, and then the enemy dived.

Half an hour later the enemy reappeared and hoped to finish off the job—and fired another torpedo. This missed and the Telesia answered back full of spirit. She got in two perfect shots and holed the submarine. The U-boat thought it wiser to dive and make off, for a third shot would have been fatal. So rapidly did she dive that her propeller showed. This gallant smack had the honour of appearing in the Naval Review during King George V's Silver Jubilee.

C. Leslie Johnstone.

House Of Commons Debates The War

PREMIER DEFENDS HIS POLICY

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Continuing his speech in the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain next referred to President Roosevelt's definition of moral peace.

"It is to obtain such a peace that we have taken up arms," added Mr. Chamberlain.

"We intend to fight until it has been secured."

The Prime Minister then dealt with the Scapa Flow raid which he described as "an unimportant affair."

Raid A Failure

"If indeed it was a raid upon the fleet in Scapa Flow," he continued, "it must be classed as a failure. Not more than 20 bombs were dropped.

"But perhaps undue attention has been given to what happened because of what is described as 'an unimpeachable communique' from the German High Command." (Laughter).

"We remember their previous 'unimpeachable communiques'. Only one warship was damaged and that damage was minor.

"We must always expect attacks on our fleet bases on our northern and eastern shores but we are confident of our ability to meet them.

"This was the first attack made upon the land. 121 high explosive bombs and 500 incendiary bombs were dropped over an area of a hundred square miles of mainland. There were several civilian casualties including one dead.

"The excuse given by the German High Command is that they were bombing military objectives but whatever their intention may have been the House will note the facts and know that the responsibility for the consequences must rest upon the authors." (Cheers).

"In this grim struggle minor incidents of this kind are of little importance.

Answers Criticism

"There are some who would want a more vigorous policy, who say that by some unexplained imaginative stroke of daring we ought to wrest to ourselves the initiative.

"With the responsibility which rests upon the shoulders of the Government we cannot be hustled into adventures which appear to us to present little chance of success and much chance of danger and perhaps disaster.

"The time and place for us to strike must be decided upon with the most expert advice we can command.

"In the meantime the best way to ensure victory is to preserve unshaken our determination and unity.

"We have redoubtable allies. We have our kinsmen and fellow subjects in the British Empire. We have loyal and trusted friends across the Channel with their magnificent army and unlimited patriotism.

"Best of all, we have the consciousness that what we are fighting for is what every right-minded citizen in the world desires on which to base the establishment of a durable and moral peace such as that of which President Roosevelt spoke," concluded Mr. Chamberlain amid loud cheers.

Mr. Attlee Cautious

The Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee said that Finland's magnificent fight against aggression was in the same cause as that for which Britain was fighting.

The duty of assisting Finland, he said, was not laid only upon Britain but upon all members of the State's League. In this case Norway and Sweden, he said, had not powerful armaments.

He did not like to hear harsh judgment made against people who after all were pretty close to the front line.

The amount of aid Britain could send was conditioned by the extent to which they could act in concert with Sweden and Norway.

Any infringement of their rights was quite unthinkable, he continued.

The Opposition, added Mr. Attlee, were not in a position to say that the British Government could have sent more help with safety, but he would like to be certain that what had been sent was sent in time and without unnecessary delay.

He hoped that the example of this country in helping with the reconstruction of Finland would be followed by others.

Mr. Attlee then asked if Britain was doing all that could be done in the diplomatic, military and economic field.

Must Learn The Lesson

He agreed with Mr. Chamberlain that the lesson they must learn from Finland was that if they wanted to defeat aggression they must stand together.

He trusted that they would be prepared to resist any attack which Hitler might make upon them.

He, however, declared that the policy of sitting quiet would be suicidal and that the initiative must not be left with Hitler.

They must use their material and human resources in the best possible way, he added.

Too Much Unemployed

On the subject of coal he said that too many miners were unemployed for war time. The transport system was wasteful and they should make better use of railroad, canal and sea transport. He was of the opinion that a great deal more direction was wanted there.

They wanted greater utilisation of their man-power and Mr. Attlee reminded the House that there were still 1,400,000 unemployed in Britain.

Sir Archibald Sinclair agreed with Mr. Chamberlain in assigning the proper perspective to the recent engagement at Scapa Flow.

The course of this war had been so unexpected and so quiet, he said, that if a gun went off anywhere the people seemed to assume tremendous things.

They were at war with an immensely powerful and efficient enemy.

The question at issue was whether Europe would rattle back into barbarism and gangster governments or whether they could recreate their civilisation based on freedom, justice and the rule of the law.

The freedom and independence of Poland, Finland, the Baltic and Scandinavian countries depended on the victory of the Allies in this war against Germany, he added.

Sir Archibald then said that they needed to exert themselves to gain this victory.

They must seize the initiative and hold it.

Lopsided, Unwieldy Cabinet

Parliament should consider whether they wanted more efficient National and Imperial instruments of war direction than they possessed.

"It does not look as though the present War Cabinet, lopsided and unwieldy with the present means of Dominion and inter-Allied consultation, is capable of promoting a vigorous and decisive initiative either in the economic, diplomatic or military field," he said.

"It seems to me that we ought to discuss them in a private session. It is too late to save Poland or Finland and we should thrash these things out before our cause suffers another damaging setback."

Belisha's Questions

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the former War Minister, asked whether in their strategy, diplomacy and their total efforts they were doing everything to achieve their aims.

War began with two swift strokes. Poland was annihilated and German commerce was swept from the seas.

Since then Germany had been inactive on land and the Allies had applied a blockade. It was the sole offensive weapon they had employed.

As long as Russia was engaged in active operations in Finland, the date at which Germany could obtain material advantages of her partnership—particularly oil—was being postponed.

It was in the interests of the Allies to maintain the resistance of Finland. It must be assumed from the decision of the Supreme War Council that the sending of a force was practicable and desirable.

From that moment, the action of the Allies should have been clear-cut and decisive. Hesitation might be permissible in the formulation of policy, but surely not in its execution.

Allies Lose Initiative

Events had shown that it was indeed unfortunate that the Allies had allowed their intended initative to be wrested from them. It was known to everybody that the need for men was urgent.

It was only three weeks after the decision was taken by the Supreme War Council and when the Finnish Government were already actually in touch with Moscow that they were informed that the despatch of men as well as materials was contingent on a further appeal being made by them.

Mr. Hore-Belisha referred to the fact that the Norwegian Foreign Minister had stated that a request was made to them to allow troops through only when the Soviet-Finnish talks were already under way.

Could Have Broken Onslaught

There was a uniformity of opinion that powerful onslaughts from the air could have broken the Russian onslaught.

None of the objections raised to the despatch of troops could have prevented the sending of squadrons of the R.A.F.

"Would it not have been worth one month's output from our factories of aeroplanes to save the situation?"

The Allies did not fail in their policy, which was deliberate and well-conceived, nor in their preparations for giving effect to that policy. But if they failed, it was because they were not determined enough and not quick enough in executing their own decisions.

Britain and France hesitated. The enemy acted. Finland was lost.

Total War Demands Total Means

Continuing his address, Mr. Hore-Belisha said that to-day the effects in Europe were everywhere apparent. There were moves towards new alignments.

The war might be static but Hitler and his emissaries were busy.

Mr. Hore-Belisha asked whether they could not counteract the accelerating tendency of neutrals to compound with Germany.

Total war must be won by total means.

He pointed out that the Nazi-Soviet Pact had repelled the sympathies of Italy and Japan with Germany and it was evident now that Germany set great store by the rehabilitation of her friendships.

It would indeed be unfortunate developments if those ideologies were to come together again against the democracies.

The empires of Britain and France were the strongest entities in the world. If they were to carry the cause to victory, they must not only be strong. They must use their strength.

Not A True Picture

Mr. Chamberlain, replying in the debate after announcing the attack on Hornum, referred to the fear expressed by the Opposition Labourite, Mr. Hugh Dalton, that the morale of the country was not being sufficiently sustained by the Government.

The Prime Minister said: "It does not conduce to winning the war to suggest that this country is being outwitted at every turn by our opponents and that our measures to carry the war to a successful conclusion are open to criticism on the ground that there are leaks through which there are supplies into Germany. That is not a true picture."

Mr. Dalton had failed to understand the scale on which we are working and the small proportion to the whole of those leaks. One could not expect to establish a perfect blockade.

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised the difficulty of conducting the blockade and said that Mr. Dalton gave them to understand that no neutral rights should stand if, by violating them, we could damage the enemy.

Forfeited Right Of Appeal

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that we were trying to keep within the rules of international law and said that as far as Germany was concerned she had absolutely forfeited any right of appeal to international law against any violation of that law we might embark upon in order to injure her. But there were very few cases in which the matter was as simple as that.

When it came to infringing the rights of neutrals in our endeavour to engage the enemy at closer quarters, we must have some regard for those international laws to which we had appealed so often ourselves.

Referring to the allegation of Mr. Dalton that Norway had tolerated the violation of her neutrality by German warships, Mr. Chamberlain said the British Navy and Air Force had kept a constant and continuous watch on Norwegian waters to see if German warships were violating them. And had we been able to establish a single case of that kind, we would not have hesitated ourselves to enter those territorial waters and attack such ship. (Cheers).

Peevish And Perverse

Dealing with criticisms regarding the Finnish war, Mr. Chamberlain described Sir Archibald Sinclair's speech as peevish and perverse. He pointed out that the question of sending volunteers never could have played a major part in any assistance which could have been given.

We were told that trained troops were what Marshal Mannerheim wanted. Volunteers never could have made a serious difference in the campaign if they stood alone. We did not know that the situation was deteriorating up to a short time before the final collapse. We were told that the spirit of the army was completely unbroken and they were confident of being able to hold the Mannerheim Line.

It was only really a few days before the final collapse that we were informed that the situation was considered serious.

Referred To Chiefs Of Staff

Mr. Chamberlain said that every request the Finns made to us was referred to the Chiefs of Staff to know whether they considered it was justified in the circumstances in which we found ourselves. If we had considered solely those things which were naturally properly in the minds of the Chiefs of Staff, we should have sent very much less than we did.

The Cabinet took the responsibility and risks in sending equipment and material which we thought might help the Finns to hold out.

Dealing with the criticism that the Government had been too late, Mr. Chamberlain stressed the enormous preparations required for such an expedition and said that the troops had to be specially selected and equipped to work in deep snow. Equipment had to be procured from another country, and transport had to be made ready.

It was not easy to pick up a number of ships at a moment's notice and make them ready for such an expedition. Nevertheless it was done.

Everything was arranged according to a definite timetable.

Why Expedition Did Not Sail

The reason for the Finns' hesitation to make an appeal for assistance was not because the expedition was too small or too late. It was neither hesitation nor vacillation. The only reason the expedition never sailed was because when the time came, the Finns could not make an appeal because Sweden and Norway flatly refused to allow troops to pass through their countries.

Replying to the criticism that Britain might have sent planes, the Prime Minister said that when the Finns requested large quantities of bombers, these could only have been taken from the home defence or the B.E.F. Nevertheless we sympathetically considered the appeal but bombers could not operate without preparation for a ground staff, reserve ammunition and means of repair.

They must be able to operate continuously from Finland. We were ready to supply the crews and a number of bombing planes if the appeal was made, but by that time we knew that negotiations were going on. We were not sure that the fighting would continue and could not contemplate sending large numbers, precious to ourselves, if after all we found that they failed to save the Finns and we could not get them back again.

Even so, in response to an appeal from the Finnish Minister at the last moment, we did send what bombers we could.

Did All We Could

Subject to the responsibility of winning the war against our own enemy, we did all we could in the time (Cheers).

On the question of production, Mr. Chamberlain said that he was convinced that during the next fortnight the House would be able to see an appreciable increase in production of goods. Although differences were expressed this afternoon, these were on the surface of an underlying unity of the parties. (Cheers).

Mr. Chamberlain said that he accepted and subscribed to the words of President Roosevelt the other day regarding what a peace should be.

He concluded: "While we had not embarked on war, I did my best to avert war. Now that I have entered the struggle, I shall be just as determined and just as persistent in achieving the purpose we have in mind as I was in trying to keep the peace before the war started." (Cheers).

Hitler May Tell Of Brenner Parleys

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Hitler may summon the Reichstag in the next few days to hear the result of the Brenner meeting, it is learned from a Berlin source.

The decision probably depends on the final message from Rome after Signor Mussolini's farewell talk with Mr. Sumner Welles.

RIOTS IN LAHORE

25 Killed And 39 Injured

LAHORE, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the police had to fire after being attacked by a band of men from the North-Western Frontier who were trying to hold a procession in military formation in defiance of the Government ban.

Two police officers and 28 of the demonstrators were killed and 39 injured persons are now in hospital.

The District Magistrate was among the injured.

Soldiers Take Over

Military reinforcements have arrived and are patrolling the city.

The men are members of the Moslem movement. They wear uniforms, carry spades and conduct military drills. They have encouraged rival movements among the Hindus.

The aggravation of feeling led the Government to ban all processions of such societies.

Optimistic Hitler

Sees Success In New Peace Offensive

BERLIN, Mar. 19 (UP).—Hitler and his Foreign Minister arrived here at 11.25 a.m. today.

The Fuehrer was in excellent spirits and proceeded immediately to the Chancellory where he conferred with Goering and his military leaders.

Triangular Talks Soon

Informed quarters here understand that ranking Soviet officials, at present in Berlin, will soon begin triangular talks. The German Ambassadors Schulenberg and Von Papen are returning from the Balkans and Turkey to report before Easter.

Informed sources said that Moscow is shortly to be co-ordinated in the German-Italian programme to neutralise Anglo-French influence in the southeast. It is also understood that Hitler told Mussolini that Italy's political collaboration will be sufficient to force peace on the basis of the German-Italian terms.

Irrevocable Decisions

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Wilhelmstrasse spokesmen told neutral correspondents that people abroad still did not seem to understand that the German Government had taken two decisions:

(1) To continue the war until complete victory is achieved;

(2) After victory to secure Germany's vital interests once and for all, and end the eternal menace of the plutocratic democracies.

In the meantime the Wilhelmstrasse is openly discussing the desirability of a better understanding between Russia and Italy.

"Reuter" understands that a visit by Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, to Moscow is still possible.

Nothing More To Say

BERLIN, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—An inspired statement denying peace plan rumours declares that Germany has nothing to say on the question of peace after the rejection of the Fuehrer's offer on October 6, 1939, an offer made only once.

Welles As Pawn

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Official quarters here persist in affirming that Mr. Sumner Welles had no hand in the Brenner Conference.

It is suggested here that Hitler is seeking to use Mr. Sumner Welles' presence for his own purposes.

The press here are of the opinion that Hitler is probably toying with the idea of bringing about improved Russo-Italian relations and that Mussolini will consider the stabilisation of the Balkans worth the price of shaking hands with Moscow.

According to the "Baltimore Sun", President Roosevelt is considering the resumption of full diplomatic relations with Germany and his choice for United States Ambassador for Berlin will probably be Mr. Clarence Piccatt, leading figure in Quaker relief work and peace activities.

BRITAIN'S BUDGET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 19 (UP).—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon announced in the House of Commons today that he will present the Budget on April 23.

Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, announced that the Anglo-Spanish Loan and Payments agreement was signed in Madrid on Monday.

Press Opinions

Sympathetic Roosevelt

Supporting Cause Of The Allies

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The New York "Mirror" says: "Certainly President Roosevelt is sympathetic to the cause of the Allies and antagonistic to the cause of the Dictators. Certainly he sent Mr. Sumner Welles to Europe to find out how America can help to effect a peace that will not embarrass or jeopardise the interests of the Allies."

The Swiss Press attitude to the Hitler-Mussolini meeting is best summed up by the "Bund," which says: "We cannot help believing that Hitler's journey must have some connection with Mr. Welles' last days in Europe."

The article ends: "The political significance of the meeting will consist in Mussolini once more reminding Hitler that Italy's actions are conditioned by Italy's interests and nothing else."

Tdlo Talk

The "Basler Machrichten" says: "In Rome there is much idle talk of a possible change of Italian policy towards Russia, but opinion here maintains that there is no good reason now why Italy should want this."

The "Zurchers" says: "In Berlin and in transport circles here, it is believed that an increase in coal deliveries to Italy via Brenner is only possible if tremendous efforts are made and precise time-tabling and organisation introduced. The slightest interruption will endanger the whole."

Soviet Press Views

Foreign news columns in the Soviet Press are lately occupied mainly with the following themes: (1) The Imperialists, thwarted in the plot to force Scandinavia into a war against the U.S.S.R., are now busily trying to create a new war front elsewhere. Only the peace-loving policy of the U.S.S.R. has, till now, kept the European war from becoming a world conflagration;

(2) British designs in the Near East generally and the Balkans in particular are proved, by the presence of large numbers of British troops in Egypt, Irak, Palestine and Kenya, and the army in the Near East under General Weygand;

(3) The Imperialists hope to repeat the "Finnish experiment."

The Russian Aim

These three tendentious reports, published daily, are designed to show an imminent conflict between the Allies and Italy as the result of ambitions clashing over the Balkans, the Suez Canal, etc.

The London "Times," in a leader entitled "Fishing For Information," points out that the German attack on Scapa Flow was a duck. The German Command must, therefore, rely on such information as the British Government can be induced to vouchsafe.

The favourite German device is to vociferate inflated claims in the hope to provoke Admiralty detailed denials, from which reliable information could be deduced.

Nazis Act While Dictators Talk

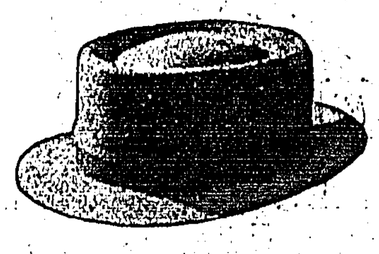
LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—While Mussolini and Hitler were talking together at Brenner Pass Nazi sea warfare was busy sinking another neutral ship.

She was an Italian collier, the Tina Primo of 5,000 tons. The ship was broken in two by an explosion off the coast of England. One of her crew died and several others are in hospital.

FOOD PROBLEM WITH GASTRITIS

For years, doctors wanted to find a food that would not irritate the inflamed stomach walls of patients suffering from gastritis and that at the same time would rebuild the patient's strength. In severe cases of gastritis solid foods are out of the question, even liquid foods are often vomited. Yet the patient needs quick new strength to rebuild his exhausted body. In Horlicks, doctors and nurses have found an ideal food.

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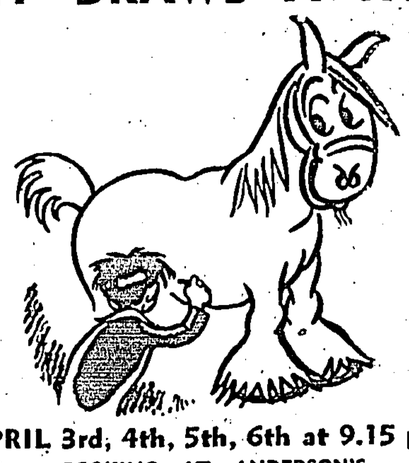
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Around The Courses

CONCEPTIONS OF BODY WEIGHT

A.A. Lopes Wins Senior Championship At Country Club

(By "Birdie")

THE RAINS CAME—and let us thank whom we must for the brief but fairly solid showers that fell on golf courses during the past week. The fairways were quite unrecognisable in the fresh green colour they had put on. The Country Club course at Sheungshiu lost its resilience and its parched appearance, and for the first time in many moons the sand greens played as though of turf.

The great match of the week-end past was the final of the Country Club Championship, in which A. A. Lopes beat E. Sadick 3 and 1, over 36 holes.

Lopes finished the first 18 holes one up, and at one stage in the second 18 Sadick had drawn level, but Lopes gradually forged ahead again, and ultimately became dormie two. He won the 35th and the match, 3 and 1.

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BODY weight seems to be causing as much concern among men as among women in beauty parlour. I don't propose to take sides, and no doubt by this time people have formed opinions of their own. As I gather, there seems to be three schools of thought. (a) Mr. Davidson, who in quoting *The Science Of Golf* by P. Fowlie, M.B., appears to be of the opinion that a golf shot is body from alpha to omega; (b) "The Rough" acknowledges that body weight to a certain extent is essential, but that foremost is the work done by the wrists, and (c) Mr. Scott Harston and Mr. R. Hancock who take up cudgels on behalf of cricketers, and who are of the opinion that body work counts for nothing in making a cricket drive—that it is all a matter of rhythm and timing.

I should like to add my little bit which is again different from any of the foregoing in that, though like "The Rough" I agree that wrist-work and body-work are an essential combination for a golf shot, I would place the body as being the more contributory to force, and, therefore, of primary importance. Unfortunately, in golf, there are two kinds of shots.

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LET us take the drive (or the shots with wooden clubs) first. The wrists are the last members of one's body that come into operation—that is, the club is brought down first by the body pivot, then by the arms,



A. A. LOPES . . . *the new Champion of the Country Club, Sheungshiu. He beat E. Sadick 3 and 1 in the final last Sunday.*

and finally the wrists snap the club head into position at the moment of impact. Now what should be considered at the moment of impact is the momentum of the club head and the inertia of the ball. If the one force were equal to the other, the natural reaction would be for the club head to bounce back, but the force of the club-head (I don't know what it is expressed in—foot-pounds or foot-poundals) is its speed multiplied by the weight. And that is something very much greater than the inertia of the ball.

Let us suppose that the speed of the club-head were 100 miles an hour. I don't know whether that is so or not, but it must be something around that figure. Then for the wrists alone to create that speed, they would indeed have to be tremendously strong . . . but, the work of the wrists is not so great. The body and arms bring the club-head down with the greater part of that speed, and all that the wrists do is impart the extra few miles per hour.

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SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 23rd and MONDAY, 25th March, 1940, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The First Bell will be rung at 12 Noon and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 per day for Gentlemen and $3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 10.45 a.m. on both days.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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Lawn Bowls Meeting

ASSOCIATION FINANCES SATISFACTORY

Seeding Suggested For The Championships

A COUNCIL MEETING of the Lawn Bowls Association was held in the Board Room of the "S. C. M. Post" yesterday, and it was arranged that the annual meeting of the Association be held in the same Board Room on Friday, March 29.

Dr. J. T. Smalley, President, presided and was supported by Mr. R. F. Phillips, Hon. Secretary and Mr. L. A. Gutierrez, Hon. Treasurer.

Explaining the balance sheet, Mr. Gutierrez said that last year's working showed a profit of $308, as against a loss of $181 the previous year. It had been practically no changes in the income and expenditure accounts except that the entrance fees were slightly higher. The position of the Association was very healthy.

It was agreed that the accounts be presented at the annual meeting, subject to audit.

SEEDING SUGGESTION

A LETTER from Mr. B. W. Bradbury, who is on leave, concerning the seeding of certain players in the forthcoming championship this season, was read by the Secretary, and it was recommended that the letter be brought forward to the annual meeting.

A suggestion for a $50 donation to the Children's Playground Association will also be submitted to the annual meeting, as will also a proposal that the League Bowls be maintained.

QUARTER-FINAL BADMINTON

Eardley And Eardley Have Easy Match In Mixed Doubles

SEVERAL PLAYERS entered the semi-finals of the Colony Badminton Championships as a result of matches played last night at both Taikoo and King's College. H. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley, former Shanghai mixed doubles champions, beat D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson 15-12, 15-0 to enter the mixed doubles semi-final; M. A. Silva and M. A. Oliveira beat A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blythe 15-11, 15-9 to enter the semi-finals of the men's doubles, and N. L. Smith accounted for K. L. Lui 15-0, 15-11 and entered the semi-finals of the Junior Singles championship.

The only other game was at King's College, where C. Au and P. H. Wong beat R. Marques and H. F. Gonsalves 15-7, 15-2 in a first round match of the doubles.

The best game of all was the doubles game, Silva and Oliveira v. Fisher and Wynter-Blythe, at Taikoo The winners, who are Recrelo's strongest pair in the tournament, formed a brilliant combination. Silva was particularly fine at the net, and his cleverly concealed drop shots gained many points. Oliveira was an accurate and energetic partner.

Wynter-Blythe was the better of the two losers, and was most adept at returning hard smashes from any angle. Fisher, on the other hand, was rather weak with his back-hand, and dropped several points with feeble returns.

The scores were never steady, and were in continual fluctuation. At the critical moments, however, the Recrelo pair became the steadier and were thus able to clinch the games.

EASIER GAMES

IN NONE of the other games could the winners be said to have been extended. The mixed doubles combination of H. and Miss Eardley showed a noticeable slackening in the first set when leading 11-3, and as a consequence their opponents crept up to 12 before the game ended. There was never any doubt in the second game.

C. Au and Patrick H. Wong, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. pair, also had a comparatively easy match against Marques and Gonsalves. At no time were they extended.

In the junior match, N. L. Smith, favourite for the title, was far superior with his all-round form. Lui, his opponent, was almost run off his feet, and his short returns were disastrous for himself.

Macao Interport Soccer Team

Scottish Eleven Chosen For International Cup

MACAO, March 18. With the coincidence of both the hockey and football Interport fixtures which are being staged in Hongkong on the coming Sunday, sport circles in Macao are very enthusiastic and the feeling runs high that the Macao teams stand a fair chance of giving a good acount of themselves.

In the soccer match, Macao is being represented by a fine crew of local First Division players of whom a brief individual pen sketch follows.

Santos is very sure in his position at goal, and in recent trials has shown up as dependable in dangerous moments.

Collaco, captain, has played in both previous Interports. He is so adaptable as an all-round player that he has been appointed to take charge of the defence instead of occupying his usual centre-forward or half-back positions.

Chiu Fu-hon as left back played for Canton Police prior to the Japanese occupation. He is very steady and will work like a Trojan. He clears beautifully.

Lou Hon-san, ex South China player, holds the important pivot position as Macao's centre-half. At all times a fine, clean player.

Magalhaes is Macao's experienced and reliable right-half. Although heavy, he makes up by his quality of feeding the immediate forwards and marking his opponents.

Lau Hing-chai, a fast left half, combines well with the full-backs.

Rego is tricky and has fine speed in the flank position of outside-right.

Joanilho is a hard-working inside right and can be relied upon to combine with Macao's right winger.

Carvalho as centre forward is the most agile player. He possesses exhaustless energy and shoots accurately. Last year's goalie for Macao.

Lau Chung-san is a footballer who having played for South China, is prominent on the forward line and needs little introduction. Always dependable. He is to play inside-left for Macao.

Ip Pou-tou, fast outside-left, is very tricky and has perfect understanding with his inside-left colleague. Centres beautifully.

Reserves.—Boyes, Cordova, Lau Chung-kuan and Leong Sui-va.

SCOTLAND XI

In the final of the International Charity Cup competition at Sookunpoo on Easter Monday, Scotland will be represented by Duncan; Bone and Blackburn; Birrell, Williamson and Clarke; Munro, Pryde, Coull, Ferrier and Tait.

Reserves.—Parnaby, Dignan, Gordon and Fraser.

Open Doubles Match On Friday

The remaining first round match in the Colony Open Badminton doubles championship, K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew v. H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung, will be played off at King's College on Friday, March 22, at 2 College on Friday, March 22, at 6 p.m.

GRAND NATIONAL STARTERS AND CALL-OVER

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The following are the probable starters and jockeys for the Grand National Steeplechase, which will be held at Aintree, Liverpool, on April 5.

Royal Mail (Williams); Royal Danieli (Moore); Professor II (Owen); The Uplifer (Danny Morgan); Dunhill Castle (Parvin); Rockquilla (Carey); Workman (Hyde); Blackhawk (Rimell); Kilstar (Archibald); Red Eagle (Elder); Dominick's Cross (Mitchell); Away (Coleman); Timber Wolf (Nicholson); Hillhead Prince (Wilson); Macmoffat (Alder); John Chinaman (Magee); Milano (M. Jones); Knightsbrook (Moloney); Venturesome Knight (Mr. Tweedie); Litigant (Mr. Black); Le Cygne (O'Grady); Symaethis (Feakes); Inversible (Hogan); Bogskar (Foley); Boyo (Taylor); National Night (H. Jones); Takvor Pacha (Major Prio Palmer); Cornlaw (Myles); Luxborough (no jockey); Lazy Boots (Ward); Prime (Mr. Marsh); Cordite I (Morgan); Under Bid (Bissill); Bachelor Prince (no jockey); Downright (Capt. Seeley); Tuck Mill (Kelly); Gold Arrow (Lay); Second Act (Doweswell); Red Freeman (Redmond); Sterling Duke (Brogan).

Airgeadsios will be scratched, and Chesterton, Ballyfox, and Young Mischief are doubtful starters.

Latest Call-Over

Following is the latest call-over Kilstar 15 to 2 o; Professor II 100 to 9 o, 12 to 1 t., Royal Danieli 100 to 7., Sterling Duke 20 to 1 o., Venturesome Knight 33 to 1 t and o., Inversible 33 to 1 o.

Lincolnshire Probable Starters

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—Following are the probable starters and jockeys for the Lincolnshire Handicap, which will be run on April 3 over a mile.

Golden Sovereign (Beary); Hotbun II (San Wragg); Broomps-a-Daisy (Nevett); Wonersh (Weston); Titan (E. Smith); Quartier Maitre (Gordon Richards); Southport (Lowrey); Fioretti (Lane); Paul Beg (Gunn); Davy Dolittle (A. Burns); Squadron Castle (Dyson); Aldine (Richardson) Reynards Lodge (Wells); Mr. Snodgrass (Bevans); Rose Town (D. Smith); Ticca Gari (Tucker); Uncle Archie (Mullins); Punt Gun (Dick); Hamac (Sharpe); Bannymede (Nicholl). The following probables are without jockeys.—Time Step, Nagor, Elinen, Corena. Doubtful starters are Fast Step, Fairfax, King's Gap, Spliced and Straight Four.

Call-Over

Following is the latest call-over for the Lincolnshire.—Quartier Maitre 7 to 1 o, 15 to 2 t., Titan 15 to 2 o, 8 to 1 t., Time Sep 100 to 8., Wonersh 100 to 7., Aldine 100 to 6., Southport 20 to 1 o.

Y. M. C. A. Hockey Team

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. Hockey team against the Khalsa Association on the "Y" ground to-morrow at 5 p.m.:

Colledge; Jordan and Tomlinson; Smits, McLellan and Waldron; A. N. Other, White, Pennington, Elsly and Highlands.

St. Paul's College Athletic Meet

The 31st annual athletic sports of St. Paul's College will be held on the South China A.A. ground, Caroline Hill, on March 29 from 1.30 to 6 p.m. Mrs. E. G. Stewart will distribute the prizes.

LA SALLE COLLEGE ATHLETIC MEETING

Several Seconds Clipped Of 800-Metre Records

SEVERAL SECONDS were taken off the Senior and Junior 800-metre records of La Salle College at their annual sports meeting which concluded yesterday on the College grounds. L. Silva was timed at 2 mins. 17 secs. for the Senior event, which time is four seconds better than the previous record set up by A. Ulrich in 1937, while B. Alonco clocked 2 mins. 27.5 secs. for the Junior event, bettering L. Xavier's 1938 record by no less than 10 seconds.

In the Individual Championships, L. Xavier won the Senior Cup, while A. Azevedo annexed the Junior Cup, presented by Ricci Hall. The Midgets Individual Championship was shared by L. Azevedo and E. Silva with 13 points.

At the conclusion of the Meet, Mr. L. G. Morgan, of the Education Department, distributed the prizes, at the same time congratulating the boys on their fine show under such improvised conditions.

THE RESULTS

The results were:

Scouts' Race (17th Kowloon Troop).—1, M. Ng and Heng Lau-chiu; 2, Kin Kun-chiu and Shui Kong-sing.

Potato Race (Midget and Sub-midget).—1, D Souza; 2, H. Melbye.

800 metres (Senior).—1, L. Silva; 2, F. Soares; 3, R. Remedios. Time.—2 mins. 17 secs. (Record).

800 metres (Junior).—1, B. Alonco; 2, G. Biono; 3, N. Xavier. Time.—2 mins. 27.5 secs. (Record).

Old Boys' Race (800 metres).—1, F. Gonsales; 2, A. Sequeira.

Teachers' Race (Egg and Spoon Race).—1, G. Lenz; 2, P. Ulrich.

1,500 metres (Senior).—1, L. Silva; 2, M. Xavier; 3, M. Chen. Time.—5 mins. 28 secs.

Obstacle Race (Midget and sub-midget).—1, J. Barton; 2, L. Sequeira.

Boarders' Race (Senior).—1, A. Gottsche; 2, M. Matute.

Inter-School Relay.—1, Wah Yan; 2, Queen's College.

Inter-class Relay (Junior).—1, Class 3A 2, Class 4A.

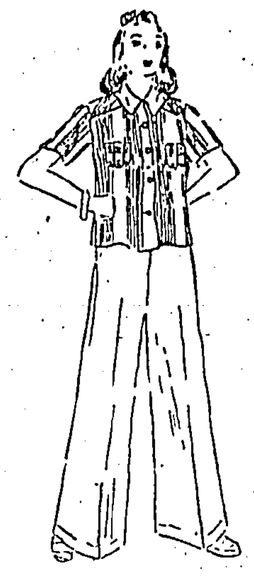
Inter-class Relay (Senior).—1, Class 2A; 2, Matric; 3, Class 3A.

Inter-class Relay (Midget).—1, Class 6A; 2, Class 5A; 3, Class 7A.

Tug-of-war, Inter-class (Junior).—Won by Class 3A. Runners-up Class 4A.

Tug-of-war, Inter-class (Senior).—Won by 3B. Runners-up Matric.

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Cabinet Re-shuffle Indicated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, March 18 (Domei).—A reshuffle of the Chamberlain Cabinet with a view to reinvigorating Britain's war policy is near at hand, according to the London Bureau of the "Associated Press."

The report says that political circles in London believe that a reorganization of the British Cabinet is inevitable.

The "Associated Press" further asserts that Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, Mr. Leslie Burgin, the Minister of Supply, and Lord Hankey, the Minister, without Portfolio, will probably retire and will be replaced by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Dominions Secretary, Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Labour Party, and Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberal Party respectively.

It is understood that the forthcoming reshuffle will bring about a National Cabinet to cope with the war.

Some circles suggest that Mr. Lloyd George, the Prime Minister during the last War, will also be enlisted.

Premier Gives No Hint

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—For many weeks past an idea has been canvassed that there might be some reconstruction in the Government at Easter, states Reuter's Lobby Correspondent.

The three main reasons advanced by the prophets for his reconstructions are:—

(1) The War Cabinet is too large.

(2) The personnel needs overhauling.

(3) There is a general lack of drive in the Government's war policy.

Thus to-day's big speech by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons was awaited with special interest as likely to show the temper of the House towards the Government in particular and the direction of the war in general.

Little Criticism

The chief Opposition speeches which followed the Prime Minister's speech showed an understanding of the Government difficulties and even Mr. Hore-Belisha's close adherents would be unlikely to deny that his speech stirred no dissentient chord in any other quarters.

Indeed he was heard in almost total silence until the point at which he said that Czechoslovakia's cause was a righteous one—whereupon the loud ironical cries of "You were in the Government" were heard from the Opposition.

Whatever changes in the personnel which Mr. Chamberlain might have in mind for the Easter recess—and well-informed quarters continue to discount any such intention—they will not be a result of to-day's debate.

Made Out Good Case

The first impression gained from the reception of the Prime Minister's speech is that the House feel that he made a good case in regard to Finland and that if there is to be any further discussion of the war capacity of the Government it must await another secret sitting.

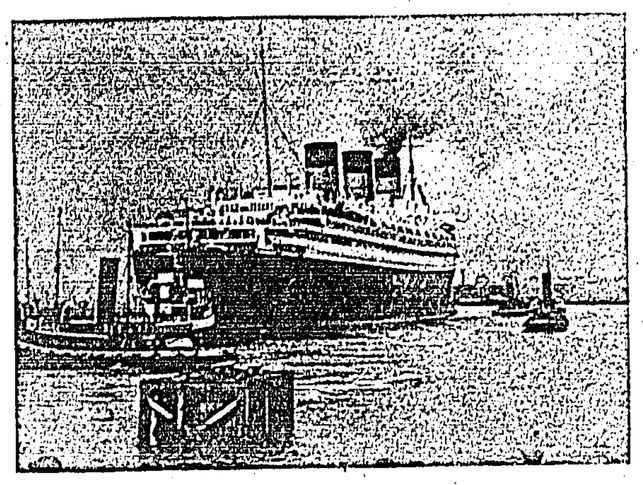
One of the outstanding features of the comments heard is that there is a universal regard for Finland and an understanding of the difficulties of the northern countries.

General Wavell's Visit To S. Africa

CAPETOWN, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—General Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in the Middle East, will fly from Capetown Rand to-day in a South African Air Force bomber.

General Wavell who arrived on Sunday for consultations with the Union Government yesterday visited the various defence points on the Cape peninsula.

He lunched with His Excellency and Lady Duncan and dined last night with General Smuts, the Prime Minister.



THE QUEEN MARY

2 GIANT LINERS FOR AUSTRALIA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 19 (UP).—Reports that the 81,200-ton Cunard-White Star liner Queen Mary and the 34,000-ton Mauretania are leaving New York for an Australian port now appear to be confirmed.

The greatest secrecy is being observed regarding the ultimate destination of the two great British liners, and reports that they are to be used for the transport of troops from the Antipodes to the war zone cannot be officially confirmed.

Some circles believe that the two ships are en route to Australia to remain there for the duration of the war.

It is pointed out in this connection that the New York harbour dues of the Queen Mary alone is US$5,000 a week.

There are only three deep-water harbours in Australia capable of accommodating the Queen Mary. These are Albany in Western Australia, Port Darwin in North Australia and Sydney.

Naval Protection

Reliable sources state that the two ships will sail in convoy, protected by units of the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal Navy, on Thursday.

They are both painted battleship grey, and appear drab in comparison with their pre-war colours.

Over seven hundred sailors have arrived from England by the Cunard White Star liner Antonia and have been transferred to the Queen Mary and Mauretania, which have had only skeleton crews since they have been laid up.

This morning, for the first time in six months, smoke is pouring from the funnels of the two ships, indicating that their departure is imminent.

New York police guards have been warned to flash headquarters if any planes approach the two vessels at an altitude of less than 1,000 feet.

No Deliberate Attack

Lord Halifax On The Scapa Flow Raid

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Reference was made to the Scapa Flow raid to-day by Lord Halifax in the House of Lords.

He said that from information at his disposal he was of the opinion that there had been no deliberate attack on civilians as such.

"I do not disagree with the suggestion that has been made as to the very legitimate consequences that may be drawn from that attack by the way of action which our own Air Force may take at an appropriate time," he said.

Pointed Observation

Speaking of the Russo-Finnish war, Lord Halifax said, "Your Lordships can rest well assured that we shall not be deflected from our main objective, which is the defeat of Germany, by the fear that any particular action on our part at any time might damage our relations with the Soviet Union.

"I do not think I can define British policy more concisely at this stage."

FRENCH CABINET REORGANISATION

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—According to a French radio announcement, reorganisation of the French Cabinet is imminent.

SHOPS TO CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK

New Regulations Come Into Force

THE EIGHT P.M. Shop Closing Act is now in force.

Under this Act all shops, with certain exceptions, must close at 8 p.m.

The penalty for a first offence is $50 and for subsequent offences $500.

Police Warning

The Police Department told the "Telegraph" this morning: "It is proposed to take action by warning shop-keepers rather than by summons.

"Instructions have already been sent out to police officials to convey this warning.

"The Act will be enforced gradually, and shop-keepers who disobey the first warning will be summoned."

A tour of the shopping centres in both Kowloon and the city last night disclosed that many Chinese shops have already initiated 8 p.m. closing.

Almost without exception, however, Indian shops remained open after 8 p.m. Several shops were still trading at 10 p.m.

Competitors Remain Open

An Indian shop-keeper told the "Telegraph": "We don't know where we are. We want to close at 8 p.m., but our competitors remain open. We would like to see the Act enforced, for then no-one will be able to take an unfair advantage.

The Shop Closing Act provides that premises must be closed for the serving of customers not later than 8 p.m.

The only exceptions are clubs, hotels, public houses, restaurants, eating houses, tea-rooms or premises open for the sale only of medicines, aerated waters, sweets, chocolates or other sugar confectionery or ice cream, tobacco or smokers requisites.

The Act applies to the business of barbers or hairdressers, but excludes the sale of petrol or newspapers or the sale or distribution of milk, or the sale of programmes or refreshments at theatres and places of amusement.

The Act may be temporarily suspended for Chinese New Year or other special occasions.

PRISON WARDER ROBBED

Money and clothing valued at $1,935.40 belonging to Warder Ghulam Risoul, of Stanley Prison, was stolen from his quarters during the night of March 18-19. The property was kept in a wooden box. The Police, on being informed, made a search, and discovered the box and property valued at $117.40 lying on a nearby hillside.

Tennis

Japanese Team Passing Through

Ranking Players En Route To Manila

A TEAM of ranking Japanese tennis players will be passing through the Colony on Friday en route to Manila. The team is comprised of Mr. Y. Kimura, ranked No. 4 in 1939, Mr. H. Kopera, ranked No. 3 in 1939, Miss Kamo, No. 1 ranking woman player, and her younger sister. The sisters were ranked fourth in the women's doubles.

They will be seen in exhibition at the Kowloon Cricket Club in the afternoon, commencing at 3 p.m.

Around The Courses

(By "Birdie")

(Continued from Page 8.)

(I wonder if this is a bit of Einstein's theory of relativity; it is all relative).

Included in these complicated movements is the *transference of weight* from one foot to the other. Then there is the advice to hit against a braced left leg. What do these things imply? The first is the bringing of the body into the shot, and the second is the checking of that force so as not to take one completely off one's feet.

Mind you, the wrists must have that certain strength in order to hold the club firm at the speed with which it is hitting the ball, but they have no great rebound to counteract—the momentum of the club-head does the very greater proportion of the work in sending that ball on its journey—the wrists see to it that the club-head is travelling along the right path.

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IN the iron shots, I grant, that the wrists do have a greater burden to carry. The arc of swing is not so full, and a greater "punch" has to be put into the shot with the arms and wrists. This is because the club is shorter and the swing is shorter. The speed of the club-head has to be generated over a much shorter distance. But the body work is still there—the transference of weight is still the same—and I wonder if it could ever be computed in terms of energy how much work is done by the arms (especially the forearms)?

Ernest Jones in his book "Swinging Into Golf" points out that he can sit on a chair and hit a ball some 200 yards down the fairway. Jimmy Thomson, one of the longest hitters in golf to-day, almost pivots himself off his feet—and his wrists don't do that—while Alex Morrison has shown in a diagram that the muscles which do the greatest work in a golf shot are those of the *back and thighs*.

So it seems that elsewhere, too, there are different means of attaining the same end with a golf ball—so why bother too much about how you get there as long as do?

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THE annual golf match between Kowloon and Happy Valley will be played at Kowloon on Friday, and I notice that the first game of the singles is between those redoubtable golfers from the Royal Naval Dockyard—A. E. Davies (Kowloon) and J. T. Smith (Happy Valley).

Smith is the Colony champion who has done such great things at the Royal Hongkong G.C., Fanling, while Davies is his counter-part who has cornered the market of trophies at Kowloon during the past year. The odds are on Smith winning this match, but it would be worth following.

COULD "GINGER" UP WAR

DISCUSSING the possibility of the appointment of a British Minister of Defence, with unified control of the Services, the Springfield Republican writes:

"Such an arrangement would be more compact and probably more efficient than keeping the Navy, Army, and Air Force separate, with a fourth Minister for their co-ordination.

"If a post of this kind is to be created, Mr. Churchill is the obvious choice, whatever may be said about his principles. His appointment as General-Director of operations by sea, by land, and by air would unquestionably ginger up the war."

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1890.

It appears, says an American paper, that there are only about one hundred native born American tars in the United States Navy. All the rest are Chinese, negroes, Portuguese, greasers, Cannucks, Greeks, Malays, and Patagonian. The one hundred are now lonely and are about to petition the Secretary of the Navy to give them an occasional week ashore so that they shall not forget how to speak the English language.

The popular belief in the sanitary efficacy of red underwear is a clinging superstition, nothing more. Red was in ancient times considered a potent charm against the evil eye. At one time in the 16th century, when the evil eye was deemed to be especially triumphant in England, there was a boom in red tape which it has never since experienced. Many people to this day believe that a red string worn about the neck is a sure preventive of asthma, measles and mumps. The relics of this old faith are to-day best preserved in the great confidence which obtains in the medical virtues of red flannel, and a not so widespread belief that the milk of a red cow is better than that of any other cow. As to red flannel, it has the single merit over other colours that the dyeing material used destroys all vestige of animal life in the wool, and that red flannel does not shrink as white flannel does.

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A new use has been found for the carrier pigeon in Russia—carrying negatives taken in a balloon to the photographers. The "Novoe Vremya" gives an account of some experiments to this and recently made, in which the Czar's winter palace was photographed in the air, the plates being sealed in paper bags impenetrable to light, tied to a pigeon's foot, and sent to the developer.

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The use of compressed air as a motive power for tramways in France is extending. The system adopted is that invented by M. Mcknrsk, director of the Nantes tramways, which has been open since 1879. The inventor asserts that the system is far more economical than horse traction—the cost of coal per day of a machine, equal to eight or ten horse power being only 4s.—much cheaper than electricity or steam power and that the machinery is simple and does not require a skilled mechanic to control it.

25 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1915.

A Paris evening communique states:—A Zeppelin has dropped bombs on Calais, killing seven station employees.

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The destruction of German power or influence in the Far East now having been accomplished, says the "London and China Express," the future of the Pacific—a problem that long filled the minds of the Chancelleries of the world having interests in those waters—should be of early solution. The ex-German Colonies, of course, shall remain under the Union Jack, and in all probability shall be administered by Australia, save, perhaps, New Guinea, every inch of which must eventually come under the British flag by treaty or cession. Never again can Great Britain afford to take the risks that she has taken in the past 20 years by allowing a strong Power to challenge her supremacy at almost every point on the five continents.

10 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1930.

Hopes for the establishment of an air mail service between Hongkong and London, via Singapore and India, in the not too distant future, are encouraged by a statement in the House of Commons, yesterday, when Mr. F. Montague introduced the Air Estimates.

5 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1935.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, to-day told the House of Commons that Great Britain had already taken steps to defend herself against possible air raids in the future. The estimates provide for a programme envisaging an increase of the fighting machines of the R.A.F. to a total of 1,400 by 1938.

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Declaring that the British Air Defence programme was entirely inadequate, Mr. Winston Churchill to-day caused a sensation in the House of Commons when he warned that the British Air Force had been allowed to stand inferior in strength to that of Germany's. The country was faced with something very like the possibility of a resumption of the War which ended in 1918, he challenged.

Speaking for the Government, Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, admitted that the political situation was most anxious, but asserted that the Government was determined to see that no stone was left unturned for the adequate defence of the country and the Empire.

The feature of the debate on the Air Estimates was Mr. Winston Churchill's address.

He bluntly asserted that, that November, Great Britain and Germany were virtually of equal air strength, but insisted that since then the British position had materially worsened relatively.

"We have entered into a period of gravest peril and are faced with something very like the possibility of a resumption of the war which ended in 1918," Mr. Churchill cried.

However, he still hoped and believed that the danger of armed conflict in Europe might be averted.

Replying for the Government, Sir Philip Sassoon, said that according to the Government's latest information he had every reason to think that Great Britain was still stronger than Germany in the air.



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AMMUNITION DUMP BLOWN UP IN R.A.F.'s GREAT RAID

dropping its bombs on the northern part of the island.

Simultaneously, heavy firing was heard from the direction of Heligoland Bight, and many bombs were seen exploding on Hornum, at the southern point of the island, and on the Hindenburg Dam, which connects Sylt with the mainland.

The detonation of a single bomb was heard at 8.40 p.m., and a few minutes later there was a violent explosion followed by a brilliant flash which lit up the whole island.

WALL OF FIRE ACROSS ISLAND

The terrific explosion, which broke windows 38 miles away, was followed by a series of smaller explosions, the R.A.F. bomb obviously having hit the Nazi munitions depot.

The gigantic explosion was followed by a perfect frenzy of anti-aircraft fire, tracer projectiles of all colours lighting up the sky.

"It was as if a wall of fire had broken out right across the island," said the Correspondent.

DRAMATIC BROADCAST

Members of the House of Commons were electrified when the Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, rose to make an announcement.

He told the House that brief radio messages had been received from one of the leading machines, giving details of the raid.

SEVERELY DAMAGED

As the British machines finished their story to London, bombs were dropping on Hornum, the Nazi air base on the Island of Sylt.

One message relayed the information that the Nazi base had been severely damaged.

Full details of the raid are still awaited from the British machines.

This is the first time in the history of aerial warfare that the story of a battle has been released for publication while the battle has been in progress.

Only the science of modern radio communication has made it possible.

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry made the following announcement early this morning:

"The Air Force attacked and severely damaged the German air base at Hornum on the island of Sylt to-night.

"This is one of the shore bases from which enemy aircraft operate against British naval forces and merchant shipping.

"This action follows the attack upon our own shore bases in the Orkneys."

The attack on Hornum was quickly announced in the House of Commons by the Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood.

The Minister said the report was based on a wireless message received from one of the leading machines.

He understood that the attack was still continuing.

Claim Raider Downed

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The Germans claim that one British bomber was brought down in the Sylt raid, an official Nazi news agency says. A house was set on fire, otherwise no damage was done, the agency adds. The bombers flew over in three waves, the first at 7.57 p.m., the second at 8.58 p.m. and the third at 9.16 p.m.

Eyewitness Account

"I saw one R.A.F. bomber, apparently crippled, flying low out to sea, but it was not pursued, says the "Exchange Telegraph" Correspondent at Roemoe.

"At 8.45 p.m. another attack was launched on Hornum and I heard the detonation of ten bombs.

"Following several other distinct attacks, another wave of British machines came from the north and dropped bombs on List and on Hornum.

"The planes continued over the island and dropped two bombs on Vantum. Then one of the machines flew back to List and dropped another bomb. It was greeted with an amazing barrage of anti-aircraft fire, but was not hit.

"The next attack was launched at 11 p.m. We heard the roar of the British machines as they flew to their destination and then the thud of their bombs.

"All along the mainland people stood and watched the explosions, the resultant fires and the pyrotechnic display furnished by bombs, anti-aircraft shrapnel, star shells and searchlights.

Attempt To Murder Wife Charge

A further remand of one week was granted by Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a Japanese restaurant-keeper, Ohta Tainosoku, 47, appeared before him on a charge of attempting to murder his wife, Ohta Mitsuko, on March 2. Bail of $1,500 was allowed.

FINNISH CABINET TO RESIGN

Moscow Pressure To Be Ignored

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, March 19 (UP).—Premier Ryti's Cabinet will resign to-morrow as a matter of form after the peace ratifications have been exchanged with Russia.

The measure is being openly discussed in the press and it is not expected that the new Cabinet will eliminate the policies followed by M. Tanner as Foreign Minister, and that pressure from Moscow will be ignored.

Delegation In Moscow

MOSCOW, Marrh 19 (UP).—The Finnish delegation headed by M. Pansikivi arrived here at 5.12 p.m. to-day.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

Business was on a restricted scale. One reason for this would appear to be that sellers are not disposed to lower their prices. This is well borne out by the prices paid for such transactions as recorded during the day.

Buyers

Docks $23
Providents $5.20
Realties $4.95
Tramways $18
Star Ferries $67½
China Lights (Old) $8.20
China Lights (New) $5.40
Electrics $68¼
Entertainments $7.40

Sellers

Docks $23½
Hotels $5¾
Lands $38
Tramways $18.20
Yaumati Ferries $27½
Telephones (Old) $30½
Ropes $6.05

Sales

H.K. Bank $1,500
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Docks $23¼
Providents $5¼
Lands $38
Realties $5
Tramways $18.10
Star Ferries $68
China Lights (Old) $8.30/.35
Telephones (Old) $30¼
Cements $19.60
Ropes $6
Dairy Farms (Old) $23.10

LATE NEWS

Sylt Extensively Damaged

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—It is learned in London that the raids on Hornum were carried out by a strong force of bombers which attacked singly in relays and maintained almost continuous assaults on the seaplane base from soon after dusk until the early hours of the morning.

A vast quantity of bombs were dropped and early reports indicate that extensive damage was caused to the hangars, workshops and slipways.

The first aircraft to reach the island identified its target by the aid of bright moonlight.

Later, as successive waves of R.A.F. machines attacked, the fires started by the first bombs provided a guide to their targets.

By 3.30 a.m. all aircraft due back at that time had safely landed and preliminary reports of the pilots are now being analysed.

Typical of these was the following report from the captain of one of the first aircraft to reach Hornum.

"One bomb was observed to burst between the hangars," he said. Then three bursts were observed just north of a hangar. Two bursts were observed between the base and the slipway."

The captain of another aircraft stated that an enemy fighter was driven off by the accurate fire of his rear gunner.

Air Ministry's Communique

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry has issued the following communique: "Our attacks on Hornum were spread over a period of about seven hours.

"All our aircraft have returned safely with the exception of one machine, which is overdue and must be presumed to be lost.

"The information now available shows that the damage reported earlier is very extensive and includes direct hits on the slipways and hangars."

Objects To Alliance

MOSCOW, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The Tass Agency says that it is authorised to state that reports that the U.S.S.R. does not object to the conclusion of the so-called defensive alliance between Finland, Norway and Sweden do not correspond with the facts. "Such an alliance would be aimed against the U.S.S.R. and would be a direct contradiction of the peace treaty with Finland," the News Agency states.

Bombs Fall On Danish Territory

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—According to a telegram from Esbjerg, two planes of unknown nationality flew over the Danish peninsula 60 miles from Sylt and dropped bombs. It is not known whether they caused any damage.

Ten minutes later two bombs fell near the town of Hvilesande, shattering the windows of nearby houses.

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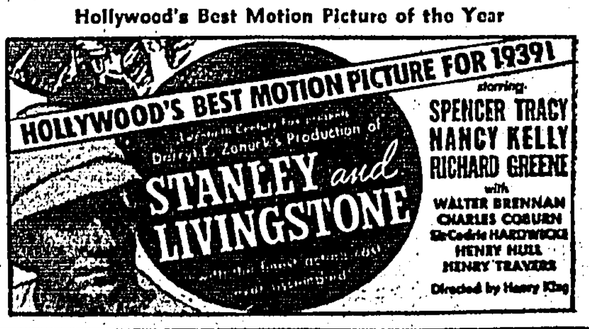
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Mussolini's Assurance

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VATICAN CITY, Mar. 19 (UP).—Responsible Vatican quarters revealed to-day that Mr. Sumner Welles had informed His Holiness the Pope that he had received an assurance from Signor Mussolini that Italian revisionist demands would not be advanced as long as the present European conflict remained localised.

The Pope is reported to have assured Mr. Welles that, in his opinion, Signor Mussolini's assurance merited absolute faith.

Pope's Opinion

Mr. Welles is believed to have expressed the opinion that the conflict can be limited to its present bounds.

The Pope is believed to have informed Mr. Welles, on the basis of diplomatic information reaching the Holy See, that Rumania appears at present to be heading towards a secure neutrality; that Yugo-Slavia is also secure and that Germany is showing great interest in persuading Soviet Russia to maintain peace in the Balkans.

Mr. Eric Moller Robbed

Five hundred feet of iron water-piping valued at $100 belonging to Mr. Eric Moller, of 395 Island Road, was stolen on March 11. The piping was connected between the house and the Deep Water Bay golf course.

A thief stole a coil of rubber garden hose valued at $70 from the garden of "Longridge," the residence of Mr. A. H. Compton, Repulse Bay Road, yesterday.

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